

Church Plants

Giving your life to the Lord is the greatest moment in your life. It is better than marriage, and better than the birth of a child because you are marrying the Father, and vowing to birth out His will in your life. This moment is so precious to God that even the angels in Heaven celebrate it! (See Luke 15:10)

When you're newly saved, or just starting to frequent church, you may notice that there are many souls there that you aspire to be like. You are still trying to overcome some hurdles because you are now a baby in Christ, so you look up to what you perceive as adults in Christ. They seem to have it all together. They worship the Lord without shame, they faithfully attend church every Sunday, and they are always one of the first to arrive at the church. How did they get there, and how you can get to this place?

First and foremost, you must understand that you are you; a unique creature created by God in such a peculiar way. You can never be like someone else because it goes against how God designed you. Therefore, aspiring to be like another person is error and will always prove itself to be a wrong choice. Secondly, not everyone that appears to be holy are holy. Let me explain.

When I decided to give my life to the Lord, I had a rosy view of church people. I aspired to be like so many people that I saw, but befriending a person that I thought was righteous proved to be a detrimental mark in my journey in Him. I saw her tears when she worshiped. I saw her hands extended, and I marveled at what I saw. I felt so lost, so evil, and so twisted; nevertheless, I thought she was the door to help me to get to know Him better. Instead, this woman did some things to me that even my sinner friends from the world had never done and would have never considered doing. She was the first reality check that I got.

Over the years, as I grew up in Him, I learned that “she” wasn't an uncommon fixture in the modern day church. There are a lot of souls who frequent church, and appear to be holy. In truth, they worship the Lord with their mouths, but their hearts are far from Him. They are called “church plants.” Please understand how Satan works. “Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? From whence then hath it tares? He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.” (Matthew 13:24-30)

The enemy has sown many tares into the church. This is the reason that you will see so much controversy going on in the church. Ministers being exposed daily, and true Ministers of God being persecuted. We are truly living in the last days.

Television shows love to broadcast fallen religious leaders. This is their attempt to keep the world from ever serving the Lord, and when someone does decide to give their lives to the Lord, they are often intercepted by church plants. These souls often befriend new additions to the Body of Christ, and they eventually run many of them back into the world. This includes that aggressive church lady who scolds the new arrivals about anything that they wear or did not wear. Maybe the new member in Christ wore a skirt that was above her knees, or maybe she didn't wear any pantyhose. Maybe the new member is male and he wore his worldly attire into the building because either he doesn't have anything else to wear or because his mind is completely changed yet. After all, he's still a baby. Maybe the church plant said nothing, but she gawked at the new members in disapproval, and caused them to feel judged. This behavior is not uncommon, and should always be checked by the church's leader. It often goes unchecked because the plant may show a different face to the ministry team than he or she shows to the members.

Over the years, I have spoken with many babes in Christ, and I can't say that I have ever had one to tell me that they didn't run into such a character. Many of them were complaining because they had someone on their back who had been condescending towards them, and made them feel as if they could never be whole again. One thing about babes in Christ is that they often backslide because they are still new, but when linked up to an evil soul, they are condemned for backsliding, rather than encouraged to "sin no more" as Christ commanded the woman caught in adultery.

Church plants aren't just members, but many church plants are leaders. They are charismatic and can preach you into an emotional fit, but they are not sent by God. They are positioned by the enemy to rise and fall in an attempt to discredit the church. Oftentimes, they are often power-seeking, pleasure-seeking, lustful agents of destruction whose primary goal is to be worshiped by man. They are demon-filled, deadly serpents who impart their evil as they lay hands on the many unsuspecting souls who have placed them on a pedestal in their hearts. They are predators who prey on the weak, and usurp the strength from the strong. They are evil, ungodly, idolatrous souls who appear to be righteous, but are not. They are witches, wizards, and warlocks who have caused many souls to hide out in the world hoping to be safe from their venomous deeds. They appear to be God's elect, but in truth, Satan nominated them because he saw that they were self-serving and desiring to promote their name, and not the name of the Lord. "For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works" (2 Corinthians 11:13-15).

How can you protect yourself from encountering such a soul? You can't protect yourself from encountering them, but God commands you to look at their fruit. We often see the fruit of others, but we turn our heads and pretend not to see what we just saw, or we try to justify it. If you encounter a plant within a good church, don't stop going to that church unless God tells you to. Instead, continue to pray and stay away from the misguided soul. Additionally, don't just attend a church because people say that it is good. When I was in the world, I said a prayer and asked the Lord to lead me to the church that He wanted me to go to, and He led me to a church that He was in. I was fed the Word of God, and I began to change into a new creature. I went from being a club-hopping, partying soul to being a woman after God's own heart. This is the evidence that the church I was going to was the right church to be in!

Please know that even in good churches, you may come across a few church plants. This is why you need to remain prayerful and learn to see church as a place of worship, coming together with the saints, and being encouraged. The church building is not a hub for meeting people. And know this: Satan has no desire to frequent the club because he already has the souls in it in his grip. Satan frequents the church because he is trying to entice, seduce, or scare the souls out of it. So, don't be discouraged when you come across someone who appears to be righteous, but are evil. They were planted there by the enemy to make you come back to him.

Lastly, there are many of you who have been in church for a while and you are familiar with the Word of God. You are no longer babes in Christ, but many of you are now leaders who are called or chosen to lead the people of God out of their wildernesses. The enemy will and does send church plants after you too! He sends knowledgeable church plants who can quote scripture and dance like they mean it. Stop thinking that the devil isn't crafty enough to trick you. He'll send a right-saying, wrong-doing soul your way whose assignment is to get close to the people of God, find out their weaknesses, and then expose their weaknesses! That's why you should always lay every name at the altar that tries to push up on your anointing. If you have ever wanted to know if the devil is real, let one of these characters in your circle, and you'll find out soon enough!

Church plants are there to destroy the church. There are many leaders and members of the church who are righteous, and love the Lord with all their hearts. The enemy will always try to keep you from knowing them because if he can get you to believe that everyone in the church is as wicked as the plant who is seducing you, he can get you to believe that the world is a safer place for you. Don't believe him. Utilize your right and ability to pray. God is listening, and He will answer you if you believe.