

1. Prayerlessness

What ever happened to the Prayer Meeting? For centuries the Prayer Meeting was an essential part of Church life, an indispensable part of the weekly programme. Yet few churches today have an active, vibrant Prayer Meeting in which most members participate. **Then Jesus told His disciples that they should always pray and not give up.** Luke 18:1.

2. Neglect of the Word of God

We need to know the Word of God and the God of the Word. God guides us first and foremost through His Word. The best way to know the Will of God is to study the Word of God. It is our priority to ensure that we are **not conformed to this world, but transformed by the renewing of our minds, then we will be able to prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.** Romans 12:2.

3. Lack of the Fear of God

The reverential awe, respect and fear of God must be the fundamental attitude of our Faith. Any view of God which does not lead us to fear God and obey His Law cannot be a Biblical view. **The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.** Psalm 111:10. Only the fear of God can produce lasting justice and righteousness in individuals, families, churches and nations. Jesus said: **Do not be afraid of those who kill the body, but cannot kill the soul, rather be afraid of the one who can destroy both body and soul in hell.** Matthew 10:28.

4. Evolutionism

Evolutionism and its denial of the Creator, and therefore of accountability to Almighty God on Judgement Day, erodes the very foundations of Christian civilisation. Evolutionism destroys all meaning, purpose and justice in life. **You came from nothing! You are going nowhere! Life is meaningless!** Evolution is an attempt to retroactively abort God. Yet all too many Christians have bought into the lie of Evolution and

them over to a depraved mind" Romans 1:28. "Their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened." Romans 1:21.

"Be very careful, then, how you live, not as unwise, but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil." Ephesians 5:15-16.

8. **Secular Humanist Education**

Anyone who believes that education can be neutral is mistaken. Ideas have consequences. Actions flow from thought patterns. Secular humanism is a religion which deifies man and dethrones God. All education is inherently religious, because it presents a certain perspective and selection of history, values and practices and it prescribes a worldview. "See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends upon human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ." Colossians 2:8.

9. **Lack of Missionary Vision**

The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing. The Great Commission should be our supreme ambition. The last command of Christ should be our first concern. The Church is called to be a House of Prayer for all nations. We are called to "disciple the nations, teaching obedience to all things that the Lord has commanded" (Matthew 28:18-20).

10. **Ignorance of History**

Real history, told from a Biblical perspective, is a treasure of the Church that can teach us about truth that has endured. In the Scriptures we are commanded to understand the times so that we may know what we ought to do (1 Chronicles 12:32). We need to understand the events and issues of the past that correspond with our challenges today. To liberate our thinking from current fashions and to recognise potential potholes and traps, we need to understand the people, events and issues that shaped our past and affect our present. History illustrates the consequences of ideas and actions.

"Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted, now all these things happen to them as examples, and they are written for our admonition" 1 Corinthians 10:6-11.

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