

Powerless Churches

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The only power God recognizes in His Church, is the power of His Spirit. Whereas the only power actually recognized today by the majority of evangelicals, is the power of man. God does His work by the operation of the Spirit--while Christian leaders attempt to do theirs by the power of trained intellect. Bright personality, has taken the place of the divine influence. But only what is done through the Eternal Spirit, will abide eternally.

For centuries the Church stood solidly against every form of worldly entertainment, recognizing it for what it was:

a device for wasting time,

a refuge from the disturbing voice of conscience,

a scheme to divert attention from moral accountability.

But of late she appears to have decided that if she cannot conquer the great god entertainment--she may as well join forces with him and make what use she can of his power.

Christianity is so entangled with the world, that millions never guess how radically they have missed the New Testament pattern.

Compromise is everywhere!

Evangelical Christianity is now tragically below the New Testament standard.

Worldliness is an accepted part of our way of life.

Our religious mood is social, instead of spiritual.

We have lost the art of worship.

We are not producing saints.

Our models are successful business men, celebrated athletes and theatrical personalities.

We carry on our religious activities after the methods of the modern advertiser.

Our homes have been turned into theaters.

Our literature is shallow, and our hymnody borders on sacrilege.

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Tozer On Christian Leadership

Wake-up, Pastors! Wake-up, Christians!