

# **ACTS SENTINEL THIRD QUARTER 2024**

## **THE CHALLENGE OF AUTHENTICITY: LIVING A LIFE REFLECTIVE OF THE EARLY BELIEVERS**

What is the biggest danger to following Yahshua today, for those who see themselves as Christians?

The answer is found within the church.

It is not Islam or Jehovah's Witnesses. It is not science or evolution.

No, the biggest danger is the religion of Non-Authentic Christianity which is asserted by leaders who are trained to follow the trends of the cultural society. Instead of reading the map of the scriptures and follow their practice of ministry, they default to a lesser and compromised system.

### **WAKING UP FROM THE ABNORMAL**

Because we don't see how far away we have come from the true life in Messiah, and therefore we are not on guard in the same way as we are in other places. We just blindly follow the crowd and think all is good: "I had an encounter with God. I love Yahshua, I come to church, and I live like the others around me, so therefore all must be good."

Now if you truly want to follow Messiah and be a faithful disciple, you need to live in a way that is much different from most Christians today.

### **THE EARLY BELIEVERS**

Try to stop and think about the lives of the early disciples in the Bible. How did they live? How do the accounts in the Book of Acts compare with our lives in the churches today? Does my life look anything like what I see there? Do I have the same testimonies of being led by the Spirit and witnessing lives transformed around me because of the power of the gospel?

Can you imagine Paul, Peter, or the others who followed Messiah dressing up every Sunday to go to church, spending a few hours there, and then keeping their lives to themselves the rest of the week, living like their neighbors who didn't know Messiah. Yes, we only see about 5% of people who go to church sharing their faith with others during the week. When it comes to making disciples, healing the sick, and casting out demons like the early disciples did, the percentage is much, much lower. Many Christians have never made a single disciple, yet they think all is good because they are like most others around them.

Let us not be deceived.

### **Exhortation:**

Let's take the blinders off and live a life worthy of our Lord Yahshua. He died for us; we should live for Him. Let's take up our cross for Him and the sake of the lost who He died for to become redeemed!

Implementing the Acts Blueprint is the path laid out for all believes to follow!

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