

HATE

What Western Christians Truly Hate & Avoid Like The Plague.

Have you ever seen someone avoid a task at work? Or even a child slow play getting to their chores? How about grown adults delaying confronting a tough situation? This is the same type of mindset the majority of Christianity represents in their faith. Either staying willingly ignorant, as we are all given the same Holy Spirit that reveals truth, or knowing the truth and rejecting it outright. They want to seem like they are all on the same team, receive all the benefits of being on the team, but not putting forth the required effort and commitment required by the team owner. These are the things western Christians apparently hate, as the majority refuse to engage in these activities. So, let's discuss them now and hopefully encourage the rest of the "Team" to finally get into the game. That is, before they get cut by the owner. At the end, I will provide what I believe is the reason why things have gotten so bad.

X EXPERIENCING TRIBULATION

John 16:33 "I have told you these things, that in me you may have peace. In the world you have trouble; but cheer up! I have overcome the world."

X BEING PERSECUTED

2 Timothy 3:10-12 "But you did follow my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, steadfastness, (11) persecutions, and sufferings: those things that happened to me at Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra. I endured those persecutions. The Lord delivered me out of them all. (12) Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution."

X COMMITTING TO THEIR CALL TO SUFFER FOR CHRIST

Philippians 1:29-30 "Because it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in him, but also to suffer on his behalf, (30) having the same conflict which you saw in me, and now hear is in me."

X WALKING BY FAITH

Romans 1:17 "For in it is revealed God's righteousness from faith to faith. As it is written, "But the righteous shall live by faith."

X SUFFERING TO PROVE THEIR FAITH

1 Peter 1:6-7 "Wherein you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been put to grief in various trials, (7) that the proof of your faith, which is more precious than gold that perishes even though it is tested by fire, may be found to result in praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ."

X JOINING JESUS AS HE SUFFERS

1 Peter 4:12-14 “Beloved, don’t be astonished at the fiery trial which has come upon you, to test you, as though a strange thing happened to you. (13) But because you are partakers of Christ’s sufferings, rejoice; that at the revelation of his glory you also may rejoice with exceeding joy. (14) If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed; because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. On their part he is blasphemed, but on your part he is glorified.”

X REMEMBER THAT WHEN THE CHURCH IS PERSECUTED, JESUS IS ALSO

Acts 9:3-5 “As he traveled, he got close to Damascus, and suddenly a light from the sky shone around him. (4) He fell on the earth, and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” (5) He said, “Who are you, Lord?” The Lord said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.”

X BEING HATED

John 15:18-20 “If the world hates you, you know that it has hated me before it hated you. (19) If you were of the world, the world would love its own. But because you are not of the world, since I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. (20) Remember the word that I said to you: ‘A servant is not greater than his lord.’ If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours.”

Luke 6:22 “Blessed are you when men shall hate you, and when they shall exclude and mock you, and throw out your name as evil, for the Son of Man’s sake.”

1 John 3:13 “Don’t be surprised, my brothers, if the world hates you.”

X BEING SALT AND LIGHT

You see, they refuse to be Salt and Light, so the world loves their submission to the darkness. So they are then loved by them. There is nothing in their life that offends the world and its ways of doing things. To put it simply, they provide no contrast to the worlds ways that make them stand out.

Matthew 5:13-16 “You are the salt of the earth, but if the salt has lost its flavor, with what will it be salted? It is then good for nothing, but to be cast out and trodden under the feet of men. (14) You are the light of the world. A city located on a hill can’t be hidden. (15) Neither do you light a lamp, and put it under a measuring basket, but on a stand; and it shines to all who are in the house. (16) Even so, let your light shine before men; that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.”

X HATING THEIR OWN LIFE

John 12:25 “He who loves his life will lose it. He who hates his life in this world will keep it to eternal life.”

✘ PREFERRING DEATH OVER DENYING AND DISAPPOINTING GOD

Revelation 12:11 “They overcame him because of the Lamb’s blood, and because of the word of their testimony. They didn’t love their life, even to death.”

✘ BEING A LIVING SACRIFICE

Romans 12:1 “Therefore I urge you, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service.”

✘ CARRYING THEIR CROSS

Luke 9:23-24 “He said to all, “If anyone desires to come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. (24) For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever will lose his life for my sake, the same will save it.”

✘ EXPRESSING THEIR DEEP LOVE FOR THE BODY BY DYING FOR THEM

John 15:12-13 “This is my commandment, that you love one another, even as I have loved you. (13) Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.”

✘ RESISTING THE DEVIL

James 4:7 “Be subject therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”

✘ WHAT CHRISTIANS REALLY WANT IS TO USE GOD TO GAIN THE WORLD

Luke 9:25 “For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses or forfeits his own self?”

✘ THEY HAVEN’T FORSAKEN THEIR LOVE OF THE THINGS OF THE WORLD

1 John 2:15-17 “Don’t love the world or the things that are in the world. If anyone loves the world, the Father’s love isn’t in him. (16) For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, isn’t the Father’s, but is the world’s. (17) The world is passing away with its lusts, but he who does God’s will remains forever.”

✘ WHAT IS REALLY GOING ON IN THE BODY OF CHRIST IN THE WEST

2 Timothy 3:1-5 “But know this, that in the last days, grievous times will come. (2) For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, (3) without natural affection, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, fierce, not lovers of good, (4) traitors, headstrong, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God; (5) holding a form of godliness, but having denied its power. Turn away from these, also.”

So, we must ask ourselves, why would the Western Church willingly endure any of the above calling if they do not want to be obedient? Why would they be obedient if they do not truly love God and Jesus?

Matthew 24:11-13 “And many false prophets will appear and deceive many, (12) and because lawlessness will increase so much, the love of many will grow cold. (13) But the person who endures to the end will be saved.”

It is truly as simple as this: they do not truly love God. They love what God does for them. But the feeling is not mutual. They love how He makes them feel, how He takes care of them, they love the benefits, yet many in the west do not truly love God. When they cannot bring themselves to do that which He says makes Him feel loved, how then can they say they love Him?

*** REFUSING TO OBEY TO PROVE THEIR LOVE**

John 14:15 “If you love me, you will obey my commandments.”

John 14:21 “The person who has my commandments and obeys them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and will reveal myself to him.”

You say, “Lance, you are judging them!” I say, “No, I am not.” I am inspecting their fruits as my brother’s keeper. It is their own actions that judge them. They also condemn themselves to punishment by missing their calling.

Matthew 7:15-20 “Watch out for false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are voracious wolves. (16) You will recognize them by their fruit. Grapes are not gathered from thorns or figs from thistles, are they? (17) In the same way, every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. (18) A good tree is not able to bear bad fruit, nor a bad tree to bear good fruit. (19) Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. (20) So then, you will recognize them by their fruit.”

On the contrary, they must “HATE God and Jesus” yet, they love His benefits. His goodness does not lead them to repentance. See (Romans 2:4.) They use Him and play house with Him, but they do not love Him. If they did, they would willingly walk in all the above callings. You might ask, “Lance, why didn’t you include more on love?” That is easy to answer- I just described to you what Love looks like. What God considers to be Love. It is self denial; self sacrifice, emptying of self and passionate desire for God and the benefit of the Body. The western Christian only truly loves God and the Body based upon the curve. It’s a short and polite curve, which once it actually truly causes pain, suffering, sacrifices, and persecution it ends. It’s the golden door they refuse to open. If they get to doing acts that make their little heathen hearts feel good about themselves, they will do that. Yet, when called upon to suffer and receive no personal benefit, they must stop right there. If they have to forsake their grand plans to truly help the work of God, then nope- not doing that. But they are fakers, that first lie to themselves and then to God and the Body of Christ. They could never go and sell all they have and give to the poor, See (Matthew 19:21-24), for all they have is what they think life is all about.

X *THEY REFUSE TO FEAR GOD*

Luke 12:4-5 “I tell you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that have nothing more they can do. (5) But I will warn you whom you should fear: Fear the one who, after the killing, has authority to throw you into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him!”

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 “Having heard everything, I have reached this conclusion: Fear God and keep his commandments, because this is the whole duty of man. (14) For God will evaluate every deed, including every secret thing, whether good or evil.”

Revelation 14:6-7 “Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, and he had an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth – to every nation, tribe, language, and people. (7) He declared in a loud voice: “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has arrived, and worship the one who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water!”

The Diagnosis

- ➡ ***Disobedient Children OF Satan.***
- ➡ ***Lovers Of Pleasure More Than Lovers OF God.***
- ➡ ***Having A Form OF Godliness, But Denying Its Power.***
- ➡ ***Judas-Spirited Goats Refusing To Obey, Only Here To Receive.***
- ➡ ***Incapable To Deny Self And Carry The Cross And Suffer With Christ.***
- ➡ ***Imposters Bold Anti-Christ Vipers, Snakes In The Hen House Of The Faithful.***

The Outcome

Matthew 7:21-23 “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter into the kingdom of heaven – only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. (22) On that day, many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, didn’t we prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many powerful deeds in your name?’ (23) Then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you. Go away from me, you lawbreakers!’”

The Cure

Acts 8:22 “Therefore repent of this wickedness of yours, and pray to the Lord that he may perhaps forgive you for the intent of your heart.”

Likely Outcome For The Self-Serving, Pleasure Loving Heathens

Revelation 9:20-21 “The rest of humanity, who had not been killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, so that they did not stop worshipping demons and idols made of gold, silver, bronze, stone, and wood – idols that cannot see or hear or walk about. (21) Furthermore, they did not repent of their murders, of their magic spells, of their sexual immorality, or of their stealing.”

They Don't Read Their Bibles Daily

Apparently, Western Christians Also Hate Reading Their Bibles

Recent Bible Reading Statistics:

Category Frequency of Bible Reading Key Research Context

- **Self-Identified Christians: 50% read weekly**
(Reached highest level in over a decade in 2025.)
- **All U.S. Adults: 42% read weekly**
(Up from 30% in 2024; a significant 25-year rebound.)
- **Millennials: 50% read weekly**
(Saw an unprecedented 16-point jump in one year.)
- **Gen: Z 49% read weekly**
(Surged from 30% to 49% between 2024 and 2025.)
- **Baby Boomers: 31% read weekly**
(Historically the highest, now the lowest among generations.)

The Revealing Truth For A Dying Western Church

- **U.S. Adults: 16% read most days**
(Known as "frequent" users; increased from 12% in 2020.)
- **34% Systematically read a section each day**
(Often via a plan or devotional.)

➡ **Notable Trends in Bible Engagement**

- **The "Curiosity Gap":** While more people are opening the Bible, Barna CEO David Kinnaman notes that "engagement is outpacing conviction." **Only 44% of Christians strongly affirm the Bible's total accuracy, despite reading it more often.**
- **Younger Men Leading:** In a reversal of long-term trends, younger men (Gen Z and Millennials) are currently more frequent Bible readers than women in the same age brackets.
- **Impact of Group Study:** Research from the Center for Bible Engagement found that those who study the Bible in a group are significantly more likely (56.1%) to read it daily compared to those who study alone (41.1%).

Simple Math: No Word, No Faith, Less Word, Less Faith

Romans 10:17 "So faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

How can the Body Of Christ live the life of Christ if they are ignoring the words of Christ? When they have 24 hour a day information overload, and distraction to pull them away from God? How then can they stay the narrow path without the help of the Word of God? Show me a Christian in the Word daily and most likely they have a healthy walk. Show me a Christian without the Word daily and most likely they are suffering. Simple Math.

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