Acts 2:41–47

PLUGGED IN & SOLD OUT, I WILL: Avoid The Traps of Churchianity

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5 symptoms that come with *"churchianity"*

1. *For too many:* **CHURCH IS A SPECTATOR SPORT**
   When our church and religious beliefs are directed and lived out according to human standards rather than biblical guidelines it can cause the church to become complacent and uninvolved; members attend, but they don't actively participate.

2. *For too many:* **CHURCH IS ABOUT ME**
   Thom Rainer writes, *"When [Christians in the church] have a country club mentality about the church, we do not serve. Instead we seek to be served."*

3. *For too many:* **CHURCH IS ABOUT DWELLING ON ITS FLAWS**
   The truth is that every person and every church has flaws and is imperfect. May we keep that in mind so that instead of dwelling on the flaws of others in the church may we focus on the love and grace of God through Jesus Christ—who even while we were still helpless (sinful and imperfect) Christ died for us.

4. *For too many:* **CHURCH HAS LOW EXPECTATIONS**
   Far too often the church isn't what it should be because there is little expectation and even less accountability as a member of a local church. There may several reasons for this, but they are hardly ever good reasons or biblical reasons.

   Three *"broad brush"* strokes that affect the church and its expectations:
   a. Interest
   b. Involvement
   c. Investment

   Simply put, In too many churches there are too many members who are not **interested**, **invested**, or **involved** in the ministries, health, and growth of the local church with which they are affiliated as the bible calls for them to be.

5. *For too many:* **CHURCH HAS CLIQUISH MEMBERSHIP**
   One of the main reasons for a local church not **moving together** and **doing ministry together** could be for the simple reason that some people in the local church don't know one another. It is unfortunate and unbiblical when Christians within a local church don't know one another because there is no concern nor care to know one another.

May there be no fault or failing of the church being the Church. May we seek God's glory as we walk, work, and worship together from a biblical position.