

Conviction or convenience

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Introduction

1. Acts 24:24-25
2. Meaning of terms:
 - a. Convenience – suited to personal or to easy performance.
 - b. Conviction – a strong persuasion on or belief.
3. Some serve God for convenience: 1) Dr to build his practice; 2) rich to show off clothes 3) Some to serve family 4) some only when it does not interfere with their plans, football, baseball, relatives.
4. Some serve God because of conviction; they take a strong stand whether it is easy or not
5. Why do you serve God?

II Discussion

- A. Heaven bound people have always been people of conviction!
 1. Joshua 24:14-15
 2. 3 Hebrew youths Daniel 3:16-18
 3. Daniel 6
 4. Those who were converted Acts 2, 8, 9, 16
 5. The message of the first century is an example of those who were convicted; it was not compromise with the philosophies of the day.
 6. The sacrifices which they made during the first century shows they were convicted Acts 2:45
 7. Their devotion shows they were convicted. Acts 5:29
- B. Jesus Christ is our example of conviction
 1. He left heaven for earth John 6:38; 2 Corinthians 8:9; Philippians 2:5-8
 2. Christ spoke the truth against opposition Matthew 23:7; 15:1-12
 3. For this He was denied, tried, and crucified. Acts 7:52; Acts 3:13-15
- C. Spiritual failures have always been people of convenience.
 1. Adam and Eve It was convenient to eat.
 2. Nadab and Abihu took fire where it was convenient now where God told them. Leviticus 10:1-2
 3. King Jeroboam made it convenient for the people to worship. 1 Kings 12:25-28
 4. Ananis and Sapphira gave because it suited them, Acts 5
 5. Flex said it was not convenient for him. Acts 24:25-25
 6. Demas served God because it was convenient. 2 Timothy 4:10
- D. The message of many religious people today make religion one of convenience rather than conviction
 1. From the denominational world it is one of convenience.
 - a. Join the church of your choice.
 - b. Many ways to heaven.
 - c. Faith only
 - d. Sprinkling
 - e. Instrumental music

2. From the church.
 - a. Can stay at home and be just as good, Hebrews 10:25
 - b. I can conform to the world without contamination. Romans 12:1-2
 - c. Let them alone, you might drive them away. Matthew 28:19; 2 Timothy 2:2
 - d. Let somebody else do it, studying, giving cleaning church building
 - e. Does it really matter what you believe?

III Conclusion

1. We have before us today examples of both those who served God for conviction or convenience. Which one represents you?
2. In the dictionary these two words are separated by the word conversion Acts 3:19; James 5:19-20
3. To change from convenience one must be converted
4. This is the time of conversion!