CONSIDER

There is a passage in the Hebrew letter that encourages us how to conduct ourselves as Christians. In Heb. 10:24 he said “and let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works.” Sometimes our “provoking” is of the wrong kind. I like the ESV rendering a little better, and by the way it is considered the best of translations. It says, “And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works.”

Question: When was the last time you thought of a brother or sister and how you might “provoke” or “stir them up” to a greater love for the lost and finding good things to do for others?

It appears to me that in many instances we have settled into a routine: We go to services on Sunday morning, and evening if we decide we don’t have anything better to do. And we might even go on Wednesday if the notion strikes us just right.

Christianity is more than “going to church!” In many instances we don’t act like it. When we go to worship it should be to honor our Father in heaven and the Lord for giving us spiritual life. Far too many times that is the limit of our activity where the church is concerned. But the church is not a place, it is a people, saved by the grace of God and obedience to His will, for the purpose of not just saving ourselves, but others, family, friends and loved ones, and yes, strangers.

Let us here and now, this side of eternity, determine to make the church of our generation what God wants it to be.

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