LEANING

As a young preacher talking to people about the church, I often heard the expression, “I lean that way.” What they meant was that they had no particular belief but they had heard about the church or had relations that were members and they “leaned that way.” That just meant they thought we had the right idea.

It was kinda like the old boy whose wife was a member and he said he was a “brother-in-law to the Lord.” Until one day a preacher asked him if he realized that made his wife a “sister-in-law to Satan.”

Folks who “lean” don’t have a particular belief and certainly have no particular commitment, to the Lord or any one else.

Belief in something is absolutely necessary and in this case it is belief in the Lord. In Heb. 11:6 the Bible says, “But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”

I guess some folks take comfort in the fact that they think kind of like we think, but thinking won’t accomplish much. Even those who are members of the church might think about teaching someone the truth, but until and unless they accomplish that feat themselves it doesn’t go very far.

The Lord is interested in action, people who will act on what He has said to us, and that means getting involved, and that is more than “leaning.”

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