

PASTOR'S LESSON TO LIVE BY

WHY DID THE CHURCH LOSE HER INFLUENCE ?

Here's a couple of questions for you. What do you see wrong with the church today? Why does God's local church congregation have so small an influence in our generation? The Prophet Jeremiah had insight on that one.

Jer 2:13 NKJ

"For **My** people have **committed** two **evils**: they have **FORSAKEN ME**, the fountain of living waters, and **HEWN THEMSELVES CISTERNS**-- broken cisterns that can hold **no** water.

God's charge against His people through Jeremiah is the same charge levied against our own church generation. "You Have Forsaken Me and Trusted In Your Own Works." In my opinion, here is the main influence breaker.

THERE IS COMPROMISE FROM THE PULPIT

Isa 5:20 NKJ

Woe to those who call **evil** good, and **good** evil; who put **darkness** for **light**, and **light** for **darkness**; who put **bitter** for **sweet**, and **sweet** for **bitter**!

Many problems within the churches are caused by leaders who bring their compromising secular power-lust into God's house. Many Pastors want so much to be politically correct and "**LIKED**" that they even compromise God's Biblical Doctrine to appease their flocks. When God's Pastors fail to stand for the truth, then there is continued confusion in God's House. The lost world is a witness of this Hypocrisy within the church. Thus, the church loses Her influence. The "**Lost**" equate confusion in the church with their own situations, resulting in their continued distrust of the church.

I strongly feel that if the church leaders were content with God's Truth, then the world would be more apt to walk in the church. Unfortunately, too many pulpits have been filled with **Mealy-Mouth / Mickey-Mouse / Self-Satisfying / Fear-Quaking / False-Humbling Pastors**, guaranteeing the continued loss of church influence in our communities and even the world.

We need to end the reign of compromise from our pulpits and replace it with - "**Thus Saith The Lord**", then the church would have a chance to regain her Influence. Jesus Christ never compromised with the world. You want to get them off the streets, then get them in the church without compromise.

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