



General Topics :: I am shocked and need to share it now...

I am shocked and need to share it now... - posted by browny, on: 2011/12/7 9:42

I spoke to some sisters who are still attending the church I one attended myself 6 years ago. It is an evangelical, Pentecost kind of church.. All my friends are still going to this church. And this morning they where telling me about Sumba dancing in church. And they where all planning to go there. I was totally speechless. Not only one evening...you can make your choice...it is possible to dance four evenings. O Lord. Before I spoke to my friends this morning I was crying about the "worldly-state" I see so many dear brothers and sisters in these last day's. The day's so close before the coming of Jesus. There is no longing for prayer and the preachers who are bringing the true words of God are banned out now. It is the fasted growing church in my town and perhaps in the country. The pastor is young and very popular. I am totally shocked about this dancing. I needed to share it with somebody. That's why I am post it now. O my dear brothers and sisters, stay close to the Word, watch and pray.

With tears,
browny

Re: I am shocked and need to share it now... - posted by lindi1208 (), on: 2011/12/7 10:25

Dear Browny

You highlight a spiritual truth that has been heavily burdening my spirit. The worldly- state of Christianity today is so painful to watch and my spirit is grieved by it all we can do is pray pray pray pray and pray some more. Let's pray without ceasing and God is faithful and just to keep his true bride pure and Christ will present her faultless with exceeding great joy one day

Love in Christ

Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2011/12/7 10:36

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Re: - posted by mama27, on: 2011/12/7 10:40

"hi, if you sub the word arobic exercise instead of dance would it make you feel more comfortable . i forgot that commandment about dancing."

No - it doesn't make more comfortable - 99% of it is sensual, and not clothed.....somehow I don't think David dancing in the Bible was sensual and unclothed - doesn't fit with a HOLY GOD....

I am so sorry, Browny! Many of us feel very alone...

Re: - posted by Solomon101, on: 2011/12/7 10:54

Hey Browny-

Just a point of clarification for me.

Are you sure it is "sumba" dancing? There is very little to be found on "sumba" dancing. Although the little I could find showed it to be basically a "ballroom dancing" with Brazilian or South American flavors. We had another thread dissecting that pretty completely recently so I will not comment on it further. I have never watched it, but I suppose the rise in popularity of the "Dancing With The Stars" shows could have created an avenue of interest that a church opened up to. However, from all I can see it is basically ballroom dancing with a Latin flair. Is this what they were going to?

Another thought came to me. Is this actually "Zumba Dancing" rather than "Sumba Dancing"? I know several ladies who use the "Zumba" dancing. It is basically an intense aerobic workout. Rather than jogging, running on a tread mill, or riding a stationary bike they do an intense aerobic workout in the form of high calorie burning "dances in place",,, more or less. But it is basically a fitness workout at the end of the day. Is it possible that the thing they referred to was "Zumba Dancing" and they are simply meeting some other ladies for a workout time? I know some churches have multi purpose rooms (gyms, fellowship halls, etc.) that groups of ladies will use as a "safe place" for them to work out together 2 or 3 nights a week. They don't want to go to a public gym where there are guys there ogling (sp?) them constantly with their eyes... so they meet together as a group for an aerobic workout in the multi purpose room, often with a time of fellowship and/or a devotional facilitated by one of the ladies. Is it possible this is what they were referring to, the "Zumba Dance Fitness" program?

Oh yeah...one last question...were these times for females only or were they coed?

Just asking for a little clarification.... not exactly sure what they meant at this point.

Thanks Brownny!

Blessings.

Re: - posted by brownny, on: 2011/12/7 11:05

YOU ARE RIGHT IT IS Zumba Dancing and it is coed.

And, at least for my friends, it is ___not___ to feel more comfortable. They don't have a problem with this...

Sorry if my writing is not correct...I am to upset to find the right words in English at the moment.

You see, I see my friends getting more and more attending the world. And it makes me so sad to see this...

Thank you for your reply Solomon101

Bless you,
Agnes

Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2011/12/7 11:10

hi, it is not my job to be a judge of anyone else in the church. it is my job to be the best me in the church and be a witness as I live out my life. obesity is the main physical problem in this country and a church that provides a high intensity aerobic exercise program to help seems to be a good way to make those who succeed in getting in shape with their testimony. jimp there is nothing sensual about zumba. it is fast and increasingly difficult.

Re: - posted by brownny, on: 2011/12/7 11:16

Still I think it would be a better way of exercise to go on your knees and pray, standing up and raise your hands in worship...And I am not judging,,,I am only so sad to see many people attending this and almost nobody showing up for a time of prayer....no time...no energy for praying.

Shalom jimp

brownny

Re: - posted by keepstanding, on: 2011/12/7 11:30

Dear Brownny

I can totally sympathise with you, it's very sad and grievous. Much prayer is needed.

Blessings to you

Re: - posted by mama27, on: 2011/12/7 11:33

I do not wish to excite debate....I am not judging....it is for the Holy Spirit to convict and guide everyone who belongs to Him....I just have to say that I have never seen aerobics done in loose-flowing/non-form-fitting garments....seems to me it would be next to impossible....I am certainly not against exercise. But if this is done in a coed setting, I would think a boundary has been crossed that certainly can be sensual and potentially arousing lust and potentially causing brothers to stumble. How could you call this worship?

Re: I am shocked and need to share it now..., on: 2011/12/7 12:29

Dear Sis Brownny, I sympathize with what you're saying.

I've been looking for a fellowship since moving back up north and visited a CoG locally. At the end of the service, the announcements included - Zumba and Kick-Boxing.

How far removed we are from the First Church!

That's the point - I just can't see Mary & Martha doing Zumba in front of the men, nor Jesus or any of the Apostles teach the boys how to knock someone out, kick-boxing.

The only way to judge anything is by the Book and again - how far have we come from the book of Acts?

Bless you Sister and LORD give us all the discernment and strength to get through these days of heart-sickening Compromise.

GOD Bless you!

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2011/12/7 12:35

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Mama, I am not going to get into any debates here, I just don't feel led to, but your Wisdom just astonishes me.
God Bless
Mr. Bill

Re: I am shocked and need to share it now... - posted by narrowpath, on: 2011/12/7 12:48

RUN! You said it yourself, don't waste your time. You love God and are pricked in your conscience about that. This is a real prompting of the the Holy Spirit, not legalistic narrowmindedness. Do not marvel when the majority has no issue with that and think you are an oddball.

Countless saints go through the same experience, many here on SI can share similar experiences. I myself left churches, sometimes right in the middle of a service.

Re: - posted by mama27, on: 2011/12/7 12:49

MrBillPro,

I am sorry, I cannot tell if you are being serious or facetious...I never get joking within my own family either. Can you tell me which it is?

Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2011/12/7 13:26

dear narrowpath, i understand that you are so holy and intolerant to leave a church in the middle of a service but tell me about the many that you have led to the Master as a testimony not your inability to see that help is needed in a fellowship and being there and supplying strength and council.. this is a matter of offering an exercise program in evenings when the church is not together.if you do not have lust on sunday morning when people are in their sunday finest and best make up,how are you going to be reved up with someone in a sweat suit and no make up and full of sweat.either attend or do not .it isn't a big deal.

Re: - posted by mama27, on: 2011/12/7 13:41

"i understand that you are so holy and intolerant to leave a church in the middle of a service but tell me about the many that you have led to the Master as a testimony not your inability to see that help is needed in a fellowship"

Jim, With all respect, I think this type of comment and response to narrowpath is what breaks down the Spirit of the Lord being able to work in and through this forum. Is it not surely possible that someone IS led by the HOLY SPIRIT to leave a service? How can we who were not there possibly judge that...

Sweaty sweatsuits are not what anyone is talking about....skimpy leotards is what we are talking about among mixed genders. And we are not talking about an exercise class, Brownny was talking about what was going on in worship, unless I misunderstood. Surely there is great cause for lust in people's Sunday finest - that is a discussion perhaps for another thread...

Re: , on: 2011/12/7 13:54

Jim, I believe that Ravenhill would also leave some of the gatherings we have today. Did you listen to David Ravenhill's message from the conference or the Panel Discussion period, speaking about Leonard's life? Would he sit through a Todd Bentley 'service' or those others like that? Highly doubtful.

I don't believe you understand what Zumba is. It's beyond "aerobics" or what you picture as 'exercise programs' that both genders could do together.

Zumba is extremely erotic. An unsaved friend of my family, described it to me and showed me a few of the moves. No man need have an ongoing struggle with lust to be 'affected' by seeing women participating in these groups or participating 'with' them.

I believe that anything that wouldn't be done in front of Jesus and His men, when He was here on earth - should not be done in public at all. There's nothing wrong with asking oneself - What Would Jesus Do? Or what would I do or not do, in front of Him?

If we wouldn't have done it in front of Jesus, when He was amongst the people - let's say, at Lazarus' house with his men or at the Last Supper - it shouldn't be done in front of people now ... Especially "in 'church' or fellowship locations" that are supposed to represent "Wherever two or more are gathered 'In My Name'" - where He would be "in the midst of them" If it were "In His Name" and that's the key for what goes on among us at any gathering of The Saints, what's claimed to be 'In His Name' ... even the preaching and 'manifestations' in a service.

Jesus Himself walks out on some of those too.

Have you never been to an Ichabod service?

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2011/12/7 14:02

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O! 101% totally serious!

Re: - posted by Solomon101, on: 2011/12/7 14:32

Let everyones emotions cool a bit. I do want to try and clarify some though.

1. It seems no one has a problem with people exercising and getting into better shape or maintaining it if they are. Correct?
2. No one has a problem with people doing intense aerobic workouts to better increase their health and care for the body God gave them. Correct?
3. I would think no one has a problem with people using a church owned multi purpose room/gymnasium as a place for their members/friends to do that. We are talking about a gymnasium after all.... or large room set aside for such events NOT the sanctuary. Correct?
4. The lone issue seems to be the idea of mixing the males/females with the increased potential of creating ways that guys would certainly have to deal with lust. Correct?
5. It would seem a good idea to have exercise facilities that will allow females to work out with their friends who are also females. This keeps them from going to a gym where other men may be undressing them mentally the entire time they are there. I would want the females in my family to have access to a place they could get a good workout without having to be bothered by the roaming eyes of other guys that might happen to be at a public gym. Correct?
6. As a red blooded American guy myself...it seems ridiculous to say that a room full of leotard clad ladies gyrating, dancing, and moving might not possibly be a temptation. It seems to me anyone who denies that is either naive, untruthful, running low on testosterone, or perhaps wanting to go and check it out themselves as they might not have that area under control. I believe I do have that area under control... but playing with fire will eventually burn you. Correct?
7. If this church... or any fellowship for that matter... will make it females only then wouldn't that solve the problem? There is much good to come from an exercise program... but if it causes spiritual damage then it is a negative overall. It seems to me to be a simple fix. Make it female only. I would also say that I know several females using the Zumba Dance fitness program....but not any guys. Are you sure it is coed? Do you know it for a fact or did you just suspect it? I find it hard to believe a decent church is this unaware. Few men are willing to do this. That is why I wonder if guys are really there.
8. THIS IS KEY- Brownie, have you, or any one else, spoken to the church leadership about the issue? Has anyone actually gone to them and discussed their concerns over this being a coed (male and female) group? If not then it is absolutely wrong to be raking them over the coals for it. They may have no idea it is a mixed group... and in fact it may not even be a mixed group... that is hear say so far.

Very, very, very often in tissues like this we should not be posting it or telling others. In fact we may not even need to pray a great deal. We may just simply need to go to the leadership and find out what is happening. Go talk TO them before talking ABOUT them is always good advice.

If it is a coed group then the fix seems easy enough. If the leadership rejects the wisdom of making it females only then that of course does bring it to the level of taking others with a person to share their concerns.

Blessings!

Re: I am shocked and need to share it now..., on: 2011/12/7 14:52

The leadership does not want to hear complaints about their adopting "seeker sensitive" tactics.

Again - Zumba is not what you guys are thinking.

When young girls - from 1 yrs old on up, see and learn these moves, that you as men seem to have no idea what that opens them up to.

Even in the cheer-leading in public schools I've seen 1st graders learning and using these moves, now-a-days.

These are moves that only a husband should see in Private. Hello?

We're calmly discussing a serious issue involving 'Sisters' in the Church of today.

These things concern Sisters and the very young girls that are exposed to this movement.. no pun intended.

And 'if' a man witnesses Sisters-in-Christ moving in such ways on Thursday night - - then when he sees Sister Sally on Sunday - that picture of Sister Sally from Thursday night will still be there.

Little children do not need to move like that nor see their Momma's move like that.

See? It's more complicated than you Guys understand, maybe.

Re: I am shocked and need to share it now... - posted by JIMMY24, on: 2011/12/7 15:18

Hey I think I know what church it is. It was my church also. I love that church. But I decided to leave when they did the thriller song that Sunday morning. Is it the church in Gainesville GA.

Re: - posted by Miccah (), on: 2011/12/7 15:22

This gets us into some territory that is better left for personal conviction.

If we start to regulate movement, specifically keeping in shape movement, where does it end?

Being a man, I do not think that doing Zumba at church or in a co-ed setting is appropriate. This is my personal opinion. But to say that a woman or man should only work out in the privacy of their own dwelling, away from children, windows, sun... is silly.

The hard part about this is that some moves that are made while working out, can be "sexual" in nature. Does this make the moves bad? No. It is the sin in us that makes it bad, not the move itself.

Example. In the health club that I have attended, there is a leg machine that works the inner leg muscle, located on the inside of both legs. The only way to work this muscle, is to open and close your legs exerting force to this muscle.

Does this mean that no one should use this machine since it has a possible sexual motion to it when using the machine?

I guess the bottom line is that if you are convicted by this, and have approached the leadership about the issue without resolve, it is better that you follow the convictions from the Lord and move on, or stay put as you are lead.

Re: - posted by brownny, on: 2011/12/7 15:38

Please moderators will you close this and stop this discussion?

brownny

Re: , on: 2011/12/7 16:28

We can't compare Zumba dancing or whatever it's called with biblical examples, there is just none. We could say that David danced before the Lord, that was before the Lord, it's not the same in this instance. It's not an individual's choice where one person may go and take dancing lessons which is perfectly fine if you can allow such things into your faith. But this is a whole Church bringing in a worldly substance that has nothing to do with the salvation and nurturing of saints and sinners.

This reminds me of a Sister that wrote to me to tell me something that shocked her. She wasn't upset in the way of being offended, but like Brownie, in tears over the state of how far we have fallen. It was a house fellowship where both the Pastor and his congregants were sitting around drinking beer. Totally unsatisfactory and not becoming as a congregation.

Both instances of dancing and drinking alcohol substances have nothing to do with how the bible instructs us how to deal with alcohol and this has nothing to do with how the bible gives us examples regarding dancing. When we use the bible to justify these things we are heading for disaster.

The motive and intent is what God is looking at and I can guarantee everyone here that if any Pastor is on his knees seeing the face of God, he will not be looking to the world to bring the world into the Church.

Who brings in a wild animal and introduce it to the nursery?

It looks nice, it looks gentle there doesn't seem to be anything wrong with this. While sinners are going to hell in a hand basket and our loved ones are in sin we are hooping it up dancing to Tip Toe Through The Tulips.

This is not a time for dancing, it's a time to awake thou that sleepest and arise from the dead and Christ shall give thee light. We are in desperate need for light.

Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2011/12/7 17:23

hi, i would not have co-ed aerobic exercise including zumba. this was added later in the blog. all of the zumba classes in my area are for ladies only. i also should not be turned on by being there. if you are Christ centered and your deep desires are to obey and please Jesus then you can go about anywhere without having battles with the flesh but if you have these battles avoid these areas but most of all mortify your members and become more Christ centered. some folks can go and others can not. i know of a couple that fell in love at a church picnic but that doesn't mean picnicking is immoral.

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2011/12/7 17:35

Brownie,

God bless you. It warms my heart to hear of others who have convictions and are willing to act on them. God bless you..

ginnyrose

Re: - posted by Ruthanna, on: 2011/12/7 18:14

"jimp said, dear narrowpath, i understand that you are so holy and intolerant to leave a church in the middle of a service but..."

I haven't been following this thread while it was going but I appreciate the comments shared.

Also, just a note to jimp ... in all kindness I just wonder if you had not just said a few posts before this one, that it is not your place to judge others in the Church (family of Christ)?

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May we be found faithful to the end for "straight is the gate and narrow is the way that leads to life, and few there be that find it."

God bless you, Sister (Brownie). May we keep praying so that day may not overtake us by surprise. And also that others may awake before it's too late!

Leonard Ravenhill saw this coming years ago - posted by MeriBeth (), on: 2011/12/7 21:21

Brownny, I have not read the other posts but thought you might like two statements of Leonard Ravenhill taken from Letters he wrote to my mother.

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But Brownny... Do not fear ... and in all things give thanks. He is in control and at work. He is preparing His Bride and she will be beautiful! Press On!

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Re: - posted by SolaVeritas, on: 2011/12/7 23:41

I find it hard to believe that some of you turned this into a debate over whether Zumba is dancing or not and whether it is ok if genders are mixed. The issue is really why the church is turning into a worldly entertainment centre while people are going to hell left and right. It is a reason to grieve indeed! Thank you for posting this, Brownie, it must be brought up and your tears are shared by many.

If a Christian wants to do Zumba it is between her and God and she can join a fitness club if she wants to, but what business does the church have to make provisions for that? No, not even in their "gym" (why do they have one? that money could have built a church or four in another country!) Or with yoga classes, or with hockey tournaments (only in Canada!) for that matter.

The great commission is very clear, isn't it? Mt 28:19,20 What other commands did the Lord give his church? Make your churches a cool, fun place? Do whatever you can to please everyone? Go with the spirit of the times? The great malady is that people do no longer want to lose their lives that Christ may live in them but they want to add Christ to their life to bring meaning to it, and hopefully health and prosperity, and oh yes, fitness, yey!. It is so self-centred, it stinks to heaven and it has nothing to do with true Christianity as it ignores obedience to the Word.

Do not most of us believe that we live in the end times? We need to get serious and quit playing games. Let the world distract itself from the fact that it is going down the path of destruction but let all true Christians turn their eyes to Jesus and

d spend much time witnessing and on their knees and serving Him in whatever capacity He sees fit. You are not your own, remember? You were bought at the price of His blood! Come out from among those who love the world and the things in the world, for the love of the Father is not in them. James 2:15-17

Re: - posted by Miccah (), on: 2011/12/7 23:50

SolaVeritas. I agree with your point on the church becoming more and more apostate. Who can argue that?

But to now lump fitness in with prosperity and things of the world?

Please show me in the Bible where fitness is considered sin, or something to shy away from...

Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2011/12/8 4:25

hi, iam guilty of getting judgemental over folks that are judgemental.we all can see that all of our writings are about THOSE folks.the church is made up of us who follow Jesus and love Him to our own death. we need to be the salt and not the b rine. we need to get in position to be helpers and examples of Gods love to those who are not as dedicated and not their critics as Jesus was when He walked the earth.He was angry at the pharisee because they were harsh critics of the ordinary folks using the law of God to beat them instead of helping them.we need to show forth that love in our church experiences and strengthen the feeble weak church we have today.find a way to make things work rather than scream about t hat that does not work.jimp

Re: , on: 2011/12/8 8:42

"Please show me in the Bible where fitness is considered sin, or something to shy away from..."

Why are we always saying that?

Why do we always run to the bible?

We are treating it as a law book of what we can and cannot do.

What happened to the Spirit of the Lord and our conscience?

If we love the Lord with all of our heart, we'll not get side tracked if we listen to our conscience, for God uses that to keep us in check. Because as soon as we do wrong, we know it.

But we run to the bible as if we don't know it. Why is that?

To obtain a second opinion?

No, there is no scripture that says anything against physical exercise. But if your fat (most of us are) it wouldn't hurt to work out. But if your conscience is bothering you that your exercising. First find out where the condemnation is coming from. If it's from you, find out why. Usually it's deep seated teachings on the subject that have gotten into your thinking when you were younger to believe that such things are wrong.

Though that is your conviction, it doesn't mean it's everyone else's.

Re: I am shocked and need to share it now... - posted by DEADn (), on: 2011/12/8 9:10

zumba dancing is fun to do but I do not think that has a place within the church. The church is designated for fellowship, teaching and prayer. Bringing this other deals into the pictures becomes what Jesus termed the money changers and such, IMO. It really cheapens what the church is. Just like those churches who do bingo on Friday night. It is my view that if a church is having a gathering and it is for teaching, preaching, prayer or some kind of evangelism then that church has missed its calling and is straying away from what it is supposed to be doing.

zumba should be at home or in a fitness place. I have danced it and it is fun to do but but the founder of it I think has a bit of an ego thing going on, lol

Re: - posted by DEADn (), on: 2011/12/8 9:48

"We are treating it as a law book of what we can and cannot do."

This is a fundamental problem as to why many leave the church. Churches use so much 'law' to say what is right and wrong that it chases out joy and freedom. Once we were made free but only to be bound again by the law? If you read articles by those who have been burned by the church you will see these things mentioned time and time again. Usually the more conservative a church is the more the law is implied. It seems to be a 'control' issue in the view of many people. It is also cited by many as THE problem in the church. Cults use this very thing to put their people under subjection.

We all need to reevaluate ourselves under these circumstances. Chances are the more serious you take yourself the more you probably will find yourself allowing 'law' beating you up and putting you in chains and freedom and joy has hitchhiked away from you.

Re: - posted by revrung, on: 2011/12/8 9:51

Jesus Himself said Lu 12:57 Yea, and why even of yourselves judge ye not what is right?

The many posts opposing the concerns posted about worldliness in the church are just proving his point for Him! I, for one, am sick and tired of the "judge not" crowd. Anything goes as long as it gets people in the building. It's a pragmatic philosophy and non-Biblical.

How about "Free Beer Night"? or "Strippers For Jesus"? That's where this train of thoughts ends. (BTW these two things already exist)

Zumba is decidedly sensual and not appropriate for a church to offer, any open minded person with a Biblical world view would acknowledge that. Jesus did not say "Go ye into all the world and preach the fox-trot." He did, however say "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel"

Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2011/12/8 9:55

Quote:

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Your post is light in darkness.

Exactly this is what I wanted to post here as well. But restrained from posting as I felt even posting this light among people who fight over Zumba as a sin or not is meaningless. This all shows the immaturity of many posters here, who are still babies trying to live by law to see what is sin and what body movements are sin. If you live by spirit you will know that zumba in house of God is not beneficial or profitable to God, so it is unnecessary.

1 Corinthians 6-12:- All things are lawful for me, but not all things are profitable.

As pointed out by you, Jesus drove away those who were doing Business in God's house, it was not sin to do Business but it is not beneficial to God.

I left a Church in which I received Christ because they were arranging loans for those who lost jobs etc and openly announced in the Church for credits that they offer. I felt that when we give to church freely why do they not give to the need y freely? They might give with lesser interest rate than other credit services but it is still not the work of Church.

Re: Zumba - posted by revrung, on: 2011/12/8 10:31

Jesus is the greatest drawing card the church has, He said "I IF I BE LIFTED UP, I WILL DRAW ALL MEN TO ME" Jesus, not Zumba.

BTW, How do you know my "maturity" level?

Re: I am shocked and need to share it now... - posted by sonsigns (), on: 2011/12/8 10:37

Dear browny,

Your post really shows the state of the Church today. This is happening in many cities through out the United states, not just dancing of course... many different worldly activities.

A friend of mine and his wife has been going to a large new church (3years that is new in terms of other churches in our area) for the last year. Just the other day I was talking to him on the phone discussing the state our country is in. When I read a quote from "tried and transfigured" by Leonard Ravenhill to him.

The next thing out of his mouth was "I don't think that I am truly saved." That statement didn't shock me but it did surprise me. I ask him three questions.

1. Have you ask Jesus Christ, into your heart and when?.

A. Yes, a year ago during an alter call.

2. What brought you to the alter to accept Christ into your life?

A. He really like the church and all of the activities the church offered.

3. Were you baptized by water?

A. No. I was baptized as a baby in the catholic church.

I told him that unless his church was the new Christ, then you are not truly saved.

Then we spent the next two hours in scripture. The Holy Spirit had directed me to start in 1John Chapter 5. Then into Hebrews, then Mark, Mathew and finally into Romans. We dealt with the subject of sin, salvation, holiness, and the fear of the Lord.

He still didn't accept Christ that night however, We left it with if you were to die tonight you would most certainly go to the judgement seat and found guilty and cast into the hell for eternity, because God hates sin and in his presence will burn like a gas soaked log.

I have never attended this church, however it is supposed to be a really good church from what I hear. I know others that attend there.

The problem I have is that the church never followed up with my friend and his wife after they accepted Christ (really that church). They didn't give guidance on what it means to be a christian, how to grow in the Lord or nothing...not even being baptized which is a requirement of salvation...Shame on this or any church that is so large and proud to shepherd the flock.

Re: - posted by Miccah (), on: 2011/12/8 10:49

Approved wrote, "Why are we always saying that?" "Why do we always run to the bible?" "We are treating it as a law book of what we can and cannot do." "What happened to the Spirit of the Lord and our conscience?"

To answer your question Approved. "We" are always saying that for this reason... If you cannot back up your "belief" scripturally, then it is not scriptural.

People superimpose their personal beliefs in place of what the Lord states. This is this case here. If you cannot back something up scripturally, your belief is unscriptural. And you are nothing more than a clanging gong.

Approved said, "But we run to the bible as if we don't know it. Why is that?"

Answer. Because most people don't know it, or at the very least do not follow it. They want to follow a system of beliefs that coincide with their own personal belief system, even if that means that belief system adds or subtracts from scripture.

Approved said, "To obtain a second opinion?"

The Bible as a second opinion? Let me ask you Approved, if it were not for this "second opinion" called THE WORD OF GOD, what would you base your beliefs off of?

If it is not the Bible and the Word that you base your beliefs off of, what do you base it off of then?

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2011/12/8 14:27

The question of the profitability of exercise and does the Word have anything to say about it...

Consider 1 Timothy 4:8 "For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come."

I have had to consider my interest in exercise...the reasons for it...is it to make us look younger, have a more youthful figure? Sure! We ladies want to look like the beautiful figures sported by actresses...

On the other hand, what does nature show us? Let us look around at animals who care nothing about fitness, what do they look like? Look at any hen that has been laying eggs for a while, or any cow (gasp!) or bull (bovine), do they look like young heifers or bulls? Nope. Same with hogs, sheep - you name it. Any animal that has matured, that has reproduced looks like it with more size than one that is just entering into it.

There is a fitness industry out there working to put a guilt trip on people by saying they need to work on keeping their weight down in order to remain healthy. Are Christians being fooled into buying this sales pitch? On the other hand, there is merit in staying healthy, but what is our motivation?

The more I look at life, recall the people that have died, their ages and their figure, I am becoming more convinced than ever that if God wants you alive, fitness will matter little. Skinny people do not live longer, neither will fat people. If you belong to the LORD Jesus you follow him in matters of health - He will keep you so you can live profitably for Him.

According to the Scripture quoted, godliness is far more profitable than any fitness regimen. I would rather stake my life on the WORD than on some fitness guru!

AND if people would put as much effort into being godly as they do in staying physically fit, I wonder what the church would look like? Think about this a while!

Re: - posted by Miccah (), on: 2011/12/8 14:38

Great post Ginny. With scripture. Thank you.

Yet... Fitness and exercise is still not sin. We need to distinguish between the two. I think for the most part your post hits the nail on the head.

Blessings!

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2011/12/8 14:45

QUOTE:

"Great post Ginny. With scripture. Thank you."

Thanks for your kindness...

Re: - posted by fromtheold (), on: 2011/12/8 16:09

Hi Jimp

What commandment about dancing are you referring to?

Re: , on: 2011/12/8 17:18

Hello Miccah,

Thank you for your rebuttal.

I agree with you, but still, I failed to express why I wrote my post.

I am not saying we are not to look to the bible to obtain knowledge and by what we believe, God forbid, the whole purpose of my posting was to show that we are treating the bible as if we should live by it's letter.

For example, the bible says, "do not commit adultery", but Jesus goes on to tell us that "he that looks upon a woman to lust has committed adultery already in his heart".

He made those words clear to show that it's impossible to keep the law for every man has looked upon a woman in some form or fashion and desired to have her.

Now we can treat that lawfully by trying to stop this practise or we can surrender our lives over to the Lord because it was impossible for us to follow it, and let Him work this out of our lives by faith through grace.

What does this have to do with the price of tea?

Probably nothing, but I don't run to the bible for every whipstitch when an issue comes into view, the word of God which lives and abides in me is enough to get my attention when I am doing something wrong.

When I am doing wrong, do I open the bible and look for my error and see if my error is wrong or not? That is such foolish thinking,, but you know brother, there are many groups that do that very thing through their legalistic ways.

I have done that myself for many years and I was worse off, it was better that I was sinner than trying to stop doing something that I had not the power to accomplish. If I could do it, I don't need Jesus.

But by faith in the finish work of Jesus Christ is sufficient. Anything beyond that is flesh.

As for this Zumba. I just watched a Zumba dance class on youtube to see what exactly we are talking about and it's not becoming folks. It does not belong in the Church.

Re: , on: 2011/12/8 19:48

"AND if people would put as much effort into being godly as they do in staying physically fit, I wonder what the church would look like? Think about this a while!"

:-) @ ginny, good1.

I have my fathers habits, or at least I did. I love food. I love preparing it and cooking and baking with it and best of all, I love eating it.

I've given the matter over to the Lord several years ago and He has come to my rescue and has helped me considerably to curb my appetite. But one of those curbings is getting out and walking.

Did you know you can walk and pray at the same time?

LOL, I know you know that.

My Sister who is as big as house has the same gene. She is 48 and as hard as she has tried to stop, she kept failing. She too even prayed many many times but her ability to stop eating junk was out of her hands, like a drunk trying to stop drinking on his own steam. Well, she had a stroke a couple of weeks ago which has halted all her eating habits, and she is losing weight because good food is being given to her instead of her going out and buying it or having it come to the door. This may be her God send, it has slowed her down considerably, before she couldn't sleep now she sleeps all the time.

So for her, the need to exercise is paramount if she is to keep living among us. She is on nitro-patches and other medications to keep her from having any more heart related complications, and the stroke has taken her short term memory and her partial eye sight (it's like she is looking through a prism), but the eye specialist said she should recover from that when the swelling goes down in her brain.

Having said all that, I DO know what your saying. At one time, prayer was the paramount exercise being conducted in Church or wherever people met to seek God. There were some Church services that I used to walk into when I was a kid and a great fear would come over me (a good and godly fear) that you revered the presence of Almighty God was there. I have never felt that in any service since.