

## Indifference

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In our current adult Bible studies, we are concluding with a study of **indifference**. Surprisingly *the word* does not appear in the Bible, but it certainly does appear *in concept*. I personally think it is the most common problem among churches and brethren in America today. It is seen in a lack of regular, faithful attendance. Some brethren think as long as they attend *somewhere*, they are being faithful to God! Really? Try that at work or school!

It is seen in poor contributions by members who give as they see a need rather than as they have prospered (1 Cor. 16:1-2). There is a difference, brethren.

It is seen in blank workbooks in Bible class, and in the silence which meets the teacher when he asks a question. Again some brethren sit there like “knots on a log,” stubbornly refusing to answer either because they haven’t studied the lesson and don’t know the answer, or because they don’t want to be embarrassed by possibly giving the wrong answer. But either way it is a blight to the health of our Bible Classes. Just ask any teacher in any class if the students’ silence is a blessing to their class.

It is seen in brethren’s lack of concern for other brethren. When was the last time **you** visited someone who was sick in the hospital? Oh, that is viewed as the preacher’s job, and the elders’ job. Really? Read Matthew 25:34-40. When was the last time **you** encouraged another congregation by attending their Gospel Meeting even once during the week? First century Christians were concerned about other brethren and other churches, Acts 14:27. But I suppose we are just too busy, Matt. 13:22.

Honestly, I believe some brethren have been *so indifferent* for *so long* that they do not even **realize** their shortcomings. Hopefully this little article will stir up some self-examination in them.

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