

read and see how it fits in your life.

3. Speak. Talk to your family about what you have read or what you prayed about. Ask them what they have done today and make a biblical observation or application.

These are three easy things to do that can help start you on a daily routine of doing something for the Lord. As the days and weeks go by, add something. Call a brother or sister to encourage them (Heb. 3:12, 13). Contact a friend about going to worship or Bible class (Mk. 16:15). Write a letter to a wayward Christian urging his or her return to the Lord (2 Pet. 2:18-22).

Let's get out of our complacency and do something for the Lord today (Rom. 13:11-14).

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Megachurch "Pastor" Rick Warren Abandons The Savior

Yes, you read that right. The man who could easily be called "America's Pastor" has compromised and given up his conviction that Jesus is The Way (Jn. 14:6), if he ever actually believed it to start with. How can we make such a blunt statement? Read the following excerpt from an Associated Press report (July 4, 2009).

Evangelical megachurch pastor Rick Warren says America's largest Islamic organization showed courage when it invited him to speak at its annual convention.

Warren ... addressed the annual convention of the Islamic Society of North America ...

He says the two largest faiths on the planet — Muslims and Christians — must work together to combat stereotypes, promote peace and freedom and solve global problems.

Warren's willingness to show support for U.S. Muslims is a huge gain for the community, which has endured intense scrutiny since 9/11. The pastor's appearance at the convention was criticized ahead of time by some fellow conservative Christians.

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We have searched in vain for the actual contents of the speech, but from the reports about it in various news sources, this account is accurate.

It is amazing that Warren stood before a crowd of Muslims and all he could muster the courage to do was to say Christians and Muslims “must work together to combat stereotypes, promote peace and freedom and solve global problems.” Let us correct that...it did not take courage to do this. Rather, compromise, contrition, and cowardice (for “Christians”) is what is expected today.

For anyone who truly believes the New Testament it is a dereliction of duty to stand before thousands of Muslims and not declare the plain truth that Jesus is the one and only Savior & way to heaven (Acts 4:12). Too, at least a statement or two about Mohammed being a false prophet, the Koran a counterfeit, and Islam a false religion seems imperative (Gal. 1:8, 9; Jude 3). Yet, the great sage of Saddleback could not muster the fortitude or conviction to do the right thing.

For Christians, this is no surprise. Warren is not really a Christian. He does not teach the doctrine of Christ. He does not practice the doctrine of Christ. Instead, Warren is like the overwhelming majority of Americans who pay lip service to Jesus. They believe, but do not do (Matt. 7:24-27). All of them will be turned away on the last great Day (Matt. 7:21-23).

What makes Warren’s actions alarming is that they are an indicator of where mainstream American “Christianity” is headed: compromise with anti-Christ religions. The debating and combating between denominations ended decades ago. If you believe in Jesus then everything is okay has been the standing practice. This was true no matter how far out your beliefs and practices were. If you doubt this, then just ask your neighbor is the Episcopal Church is a “Christian” organization (even though they ordain homosexual marriages and clergy).

Now, however, the circle of fellowship is expanding to include any believers in God. Though it can be easily shown that the Muslim god is not the true God, people still view them as worshipping the God of Abraham. Combine this with the fact that Islam is on the march. It is aggressively spreading in the west, so much so that it has been reported Europe will be dominated by Muslims in the next two to three decades no

matter what happens.

Make no mistake about this; the devil is seeking to completely annihilate any remnants of true Christianity from the United States. Rick Warren is playing his part in it (unwittingly). Islam is only all too willing to exterminate what it views as a false religion, Christianity, in any form it is found. Those of us who still love the Lord and His Truth must be prepared for the coming battle. Not only must we educate ourselves, but also our children and as many people as will listen to us.

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What Can I Do Today For The Lord?

Is there something I can do today for the Lord and His cause?

Yes.

We can get into a mode of thinking that our service to God is limited to Sundays and Wednesdays. Maybe we do not consciously think this, and would never say it, yet that is what we do and what we do comes from what we think (Mk. 7:21-23).

Further, it is not that we do not want to serve the Lord every day. We simply slip into a lax manner of living. We slumber, just as the devil wants us to. As far as he is concerned, we can believe what we want and have the best intentions in the world as long as we are not acting on it (Jas. 2:14-26).

Many of us want to do better, but what can we do? Here are some suggestions to get started, but are by no means the end of what we can and should do.

- 1. Pray.** Take time when you wake up and before you go to sleep; 10-20 minutes.
- 2. Read.** Find a quiet place to read your Bible for 10-15 minutes. Reflect on what you have