

Meant Well, But Irreverent

We are given an excellent example of meaning well while being irreverent - 1 Chron 13:5-10 - 5 So David assembled all the Israelites, from the Shihor River in Egypt to Lebo Hamath, to bring the ark of God from Kiriath Jearim. 6 David and all the Israelites with him went to Baalah of Judah (Kiriath Jearim) to bring up from there the ark of God the Lord, who is enthroned between the cherubim — the ark that is called by the Name. 7 They moved the ark of God from Abinadab's house on a new cart, with Uzzah and Ahio guiding it. 8 David and **all the Israelites were celebrating with all their might before God**, with songs and with harps, lyres, tambourines, cymbals and trumpets. 9 When they came to the threshing floor of Kidon, Uzzah reached out his hand to steady the ark, because the oxen stumbled. 10 **The Lord's anger burned against Uzzah, and he struck him down because he had put his hand on the ark.** So he died there before God.

Meaning well while being irreverent, is going to lead many eternally away from God - Matt 7:21-25 - 21 **"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but ONLY HE WHO DOES THE WILL OF MY FATHER WHO IS IN HEAVEN.** 22 Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' 23 Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!' 24 **"THEREFORE everyone who HEARS THESE WORDS OF MINE and PUTS THEM INTO PRACTICE is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.**

Those who want to be a teachers mean well, but must consider; God's Word is Sacred and teachers will be held accountable - James 3:1-2 -Not many of you should presume to be teachers, my brothers, because **you know that we who teach WILL BE judged more strictly.**

Meaning well, will cause us to miss the Spiritual picture - John 13:5-8 - 5 After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. 6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" 7 Jesus replied, **"YOU DO NOT REALIZE NOW WHAT I AM DOING, BUT LATER YOU WILL UNDERSTAND."** 8 **"No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet."** Jesus answered, **"Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."**

Please realize, your loyalty to culture, worldly pride, history reverence... are all automatically positioning you on the WRONG side of God - James 4:4 You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.

"Meaning well", is man trying to serve God, but doing it man's way

Mark 7:9 And he said to them: "You have a fine way of setting aside the commands of God in order to observe your own traditions!

Matt 15:8-9 - 8 **"These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.** 9 They **worship me in vain;** their teachings are but rules taught by men."

When it comes down to it, wrong focus is what is going to drive the "meaning well" while being irreverent - Matt 16:21-23 - 21 From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. 22 **Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!"** 23 Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men."

***When we do things based on intelligence, emotion, culture and/or ignorance instead of fully basing it on God, we are responding in a mind for things of men not things of God.**

God warns that there will be a major price to pay for irreverence. For example... - Eph 5:5-7 - 5 For of this **you can be sure:** No immoral, impure or greedy person — such a man is an idolater — has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. 6 **Let no one deceive you with empty words,** for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient. 7 Therefore do not be partners with them.

The problem is, we have not started at the TRUE starting point-

Ps 111:10 The **fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;** all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.

Prov 1:7 The **fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge,** but fools despise wisdom and discipline.

Steps to knowing the Fear of God - Prov 2:1-6 - 1 My son, **IF** you accept my words and store up my commands within you, 2 turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding, 3 and **IF** you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, 4 and **IF** you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, 5 **THEN** you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. 6 For the Lord gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.

- Accept my words
- Store up my commands within you
- Turning your ear to wisdom
- Applying your heart to understanding
 - Make it the highest priority!

Living through faith, NOT sight, and living to serve God is "Fearing God" exemplified - 2 Cor 5:6-11 - 6 Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. 7 We live by faith, not by sight. 8 We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. 9 So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. 10 **FOR** we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad. 11 Since, then, **WE KNOW WHAT IT IS TO FEAR THE LORD,** we try to persuade men. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience.