

ISAIAH 56:9-58:1



As The Leaders Go
So Go The Followers

Followers Of Ungodly Leaders Are Led Toward Destruction

(Isaiah 56:9-57:2)

"So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand...

But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.”

Ezekiel 33:7-9

1) Is this how we view sin in our lives? As potential destruction?

2) Is this part of what you view as the God-given job of the leaders within this church toward you?

Characteristics of Wicked Leaders

- 1) Blind Toward Personal Sin
- 2) Apathetic Toward Sin In Others
- 3) Lazy In Work Ethic
- 4) Concerned For Their Own Kingdom
- 5) Declaring Peace When There Is No Peace

"For from the least to the greatest of them, everyone is greedy for unjust gain; and from prophet to priest, everyone deals falsely. They have healed the wound of my people lightly, saying, 'Peace, peace,' when there is no peace. Were they ashamed when they committed abomination? No, they were not at all ashamed; they did not know how to blush.

Therefore they shall fall among those who fall; at the time that I punish them, they shall be overthrown," says the Lord.

Jeremiah 6:13-15

And the Lord said to me: "The prophets are prophesying lies in my name. I did not send them, nor did I command them or speak to them. They are prophesying to you a lying vision, worthless divination, and the deceit of their own minds.

Jeremiah 14:14

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As Spiritual Offspring,
We Must Examine Who We Follow

(Isaiah 57:3-13)

Characteristics of Wicked Followers

- 1) Follow Known Idolators
- 2) Mock Those Desiring Holiness
- 3) Worship At The Altar Of Baal & Ashtoreth
- 4) Give Offerings To These Same Gods
- 5) Dismiss Conviction When It Comes

Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me. Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word. You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him.

When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me. Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God."

John 8:42-47

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Both Leaders and Followers Must Ultimately Follow Jesus

(Isaiah 57:14-58:1)

Let Us (Leaders and Followers)
Commit to Assisting One Other In
Following Christ

(Hebrews 13:17)

Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

Hebrews 13:17



MISSION

“Go Therefore and Make Disciples...”