Disturbed Christians

Tony Mauck · Romans 12:11

INTRODUCTION

- Christians are the only people in this world who really possess sound minds.
- That water becomes agitated, and it's the opposite idea of tranquility or smoothness. And he says, we are to be disturbed or agitated in our spirit.
- There needs to be a little bit of agitation. I wonder sometimes if things get too tranquil and serene with Christians.

1 Never Forget Where We Came From

2 Peter 1:4–9; 1 Peter 1:14; 1 Peter 1:18–19

- We are disturbed Christians in the fact that we never forget where we came from. Always anchored in a memory of our past.
- He who lacks these qualities is blind, short-sighted. He or she has forgotten the purification of our former sins.
- When we lose sight of our past, that's when we become tranquil and serene, like the Laodiceans.
- If you want to stay properly agitated, or properly disturbed in the right direction. You need to remember your past.

2 Perturbed by Sin

Psalm 119:104; Psalm 119:128

- From thy precepts I get understanding, therefore I hate every false way.
- Does sin agitate you? Does it disturb you?
- That is something that I hate because I'm his child. Because I think the way God wants me to think.
- We need to be perturbed by sin in whatever form it takes. We need to be agitated about its destructive presence in the hearts and lives of people.

3 Ruled by Conviction

Psalm 119:128; Daniel 1:8

- We are disturbed in the sense that we are ruled by conviction.
- Therefore I esteem right all thy precepts concerning everything.
- I take the stand I do about sin because of what I read in this book, because I have every confidence that what God has revealed in this book is right.
- God is right. This message is right. And thus I'm ruled by conviction.

- When you're zealous or disturbed in this way, fervent in spirit, you're able to stand before a king and say, I'm not going to defile myself.

4 Not Fearful of Disturbing Others With This Message

Matthew 10:32–33; Matthew 5:10–11; Matthew 15:8–14

- We are not the least bit concerned or the least bit fearful or hesitant about disturbing others with this important message.
- When you do what Jesus says in Matthew chapter 10, and take your stand for him and for righteousness, regardless of the cost, that's going to agitate the waters.
- Blessed are you, when men cast insults at you and persecute you and say all kinds of evil against you falsely on account of me.
- Every plant which my heavenly father did not plant shall be rooted up.
- We need to be disturbed in spirit to be willing to make a confession of our Lord.

5 Motivated in Our Service

Titus 2:14

- To be fervent in spirit will mean to be motivated in our service.
- Your enthusiasm for the Lord and his things does not remain a constant. There will be an ebb and flow.
- When we find ourselves there, we have got to get disturbed and agitated again.
- The purpose of preaching is to get people agitated, to disturb them in their spirits.

THE CHALLENGE

If there's someone who needs to respond to their agitation, don't dismiss it. Don't say, well, okay, maybe some other time. Let's think about something else. Why don't you respond now, if you need to, for the saving of your soul?

MY NOTES