

Coach Dave,

As I was reading your message just now, I was struck with the truth of being given a "Commission".

Those of us who served our time in uniform, understand exactly what is missing. We also know that if a person leaves the service they are still subject to recall...unless...as in the case of Officers...they have resigned their "Commission". I don't know of anyone who has done that...except for when General Patton told everyone he was going to resign his commission...so he could run for President...and that did not turn out well for him.

However, I do not know of anyone who willingly said they were no longer bound by their oath..."to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the united States of America against all enemies both foreign and DOMESTIC".

The main problem is this. People say they are in the Army of God and will go to war with satan when required...but, very few of those glad handers have ever been to BASIC TRAINING.

None of them were required to put their regular street clothes in a box and send them home and then were issued the only clothing they could wear during Basic Training. No one looked different or "special".

Then the first thing they are instructed in is learning how to march and march together. Unity is established immediately. A Platoon Guide and Squad Leaders are picked at random and replaced immediately for lack of enthusiasm.

All it takes is a week and the whole platoon will march together or they will do pushups until they do... (Not a lot of fun)

They are all trained in the same subjects...at the same time and tested for their proficiency so the Army can decide if they want to keep them or not.

At the end of 8 -10 weeks...they will function like a well oiled machine and do what they are told to do without the slightest hesitation and everyone will instantly understand what they are supposed to do...by habit...when the Drill Sergeant calls out a command. And...they can do it for the rest of their lives if called to.

Churches today...may or may not have an altar call and look for volunteers. Sign em up and tell them..."Everything will be fine from now on". What a bunch of horse manure that is... The reality is the enemy will know who you are now...because you even have a name tag. Those same churches and their denominational "advisors" who don't know squat...in general...issue some orders to make "converts" so the number grow and they can get a few more dollars...

Never realizing that we were not told to make converts but DISCIPLES. Jesus work with his first crew for about 3 1/2 years and they still didn't get it. If Pentecost hadn't been per-scheduled they all would have gone back to fishing and collecting taxes or whatever. Apostle Paul could have eliminated all of the few that held on in probably less than a week.

The one thing Jesus did NOT teach His Disciples was how to pacify the crowd and open entertainment centers.

The only thing that held them all together was the simple fact that they saw Jesus die and then he walked through a couple of walls to ask what was for supper. Alive and well...just like he promised. Then they started to get the picture.

That's why the military introduces the troops to Medal of Honor recipients and other real heroes...so they can see real live heroes with their own eyes and not just read about them in some text book. (I saluted and then shook hands with over 40 at one of their conventions...in a town where they wanted for nothing.)

When todays Christians begin to recruit...by preaching the Gospel...with signs and wonders following...and are trained to know first who they are IN HIM and how we have His Faith...and that the same Spirit who raised Christ from the dead lives in us...then and only then will ordinary people start

to show proof of how real Christians are supposed to function in everyday life. Then recruiting will not be a problem..

My Grandson Chase is in training to be a missionary. He leaves for Ghana in September. I keep telling him there are more than enough people in the neighborhood to keep him busy forever. But, he'll be fine.

I told a local pastor that the only reason he sends people to foreign countries to be missionaries is because he is afraid to send them next door. He got the message...I got the boot.

Thanks for trying to keep our heads above water.

You are a blessing to us...