

Today → Studying **II Tim. 2:1-7**

Warn you:

Most **MACHO** passage in the Bible → **All about MEN**

what **STIRS** men, what **MOTIVATES** men,

how men **EVALUATE** themselves



v.7 **REFLECT** on what I am saying

Paul tells us to **REFLECT** on the **3 Analogies** in vs. 3-6

What are the 3 analogies?

3 Endure hardship with us like a **good** soldier of Christ Jesus.

4 No one serving as a soldier gets involved in civilian affairs—he wants to please his commanding officer.

5 Similarly, if anyone competes as an athlete, he does not receive the **victor's crown** unless he competes according to the rules.

6 The **hardworking** farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops.

Detail

The three analogies are **Not Just** – **Soldier, Athlete & Farmer !**

Common Traits ?

What **COMMON TRAITS** do you find in a:

Good Soldier



Victorious Athlete &



Hard Working Farmer?



Discipline, Sacrifice, Focus, Goal oriented, Training, LOSS

Give EVERYTHING to ACCOMPLISH something

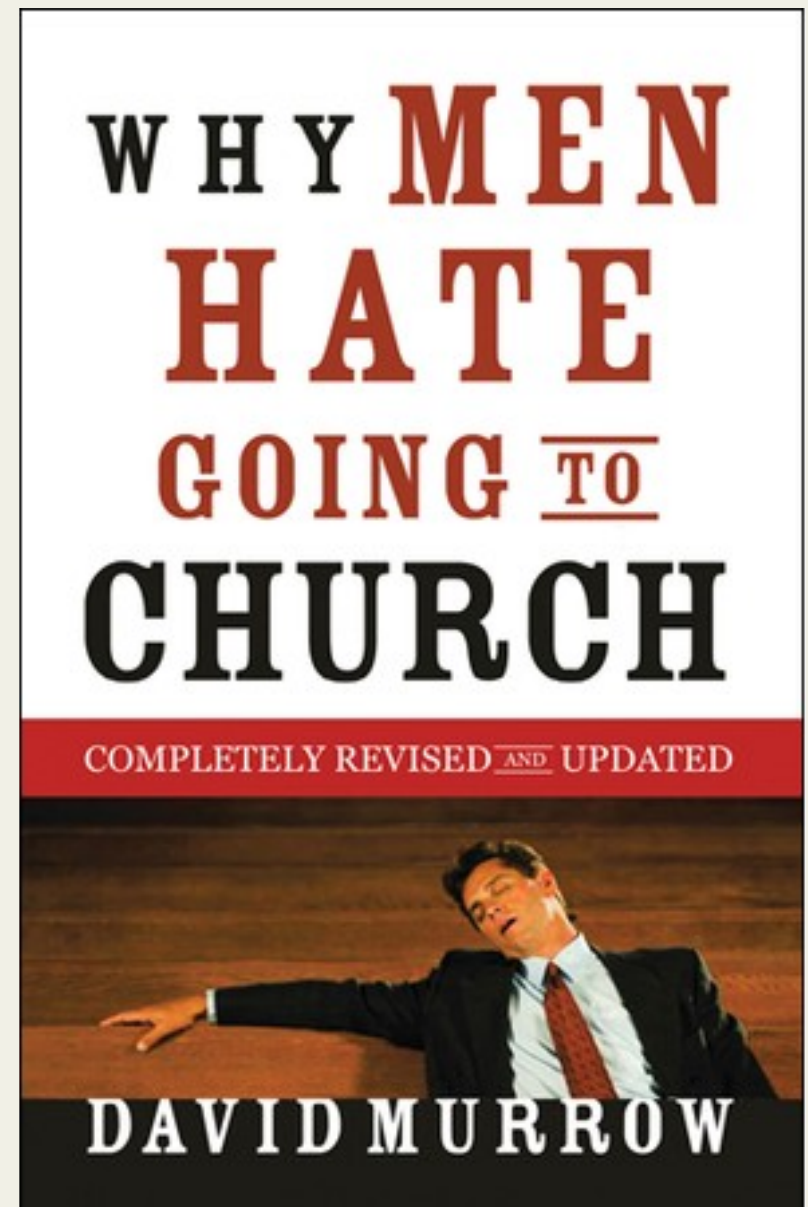
Men in church

- Saved, All Fired Up
- Begin to FADE

Who is MORE Miserable?

Non
Christian
Man

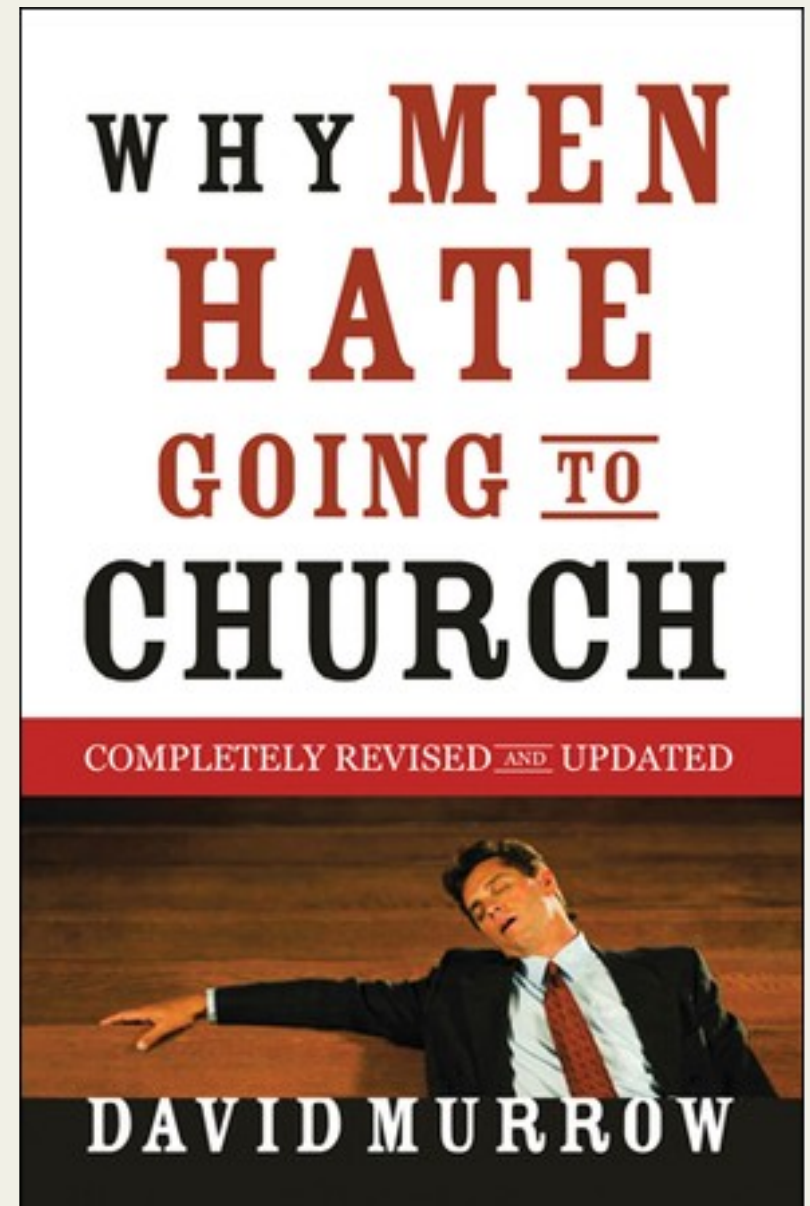
Half-way
Christian
Man
Doing
NOTHING



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Half-way Christian Man Doing **NOTHING**

- He is **NOT Warring!**
- He is **NOT Fighting!**
- He is **NOT Planting!**
- He is **NOT Working Hard!**
- He is **NOT Winning!**
- He is **NOT Building!**
- He is **NOT Competing!**
- He is **NOT Training** for some task!



At Least

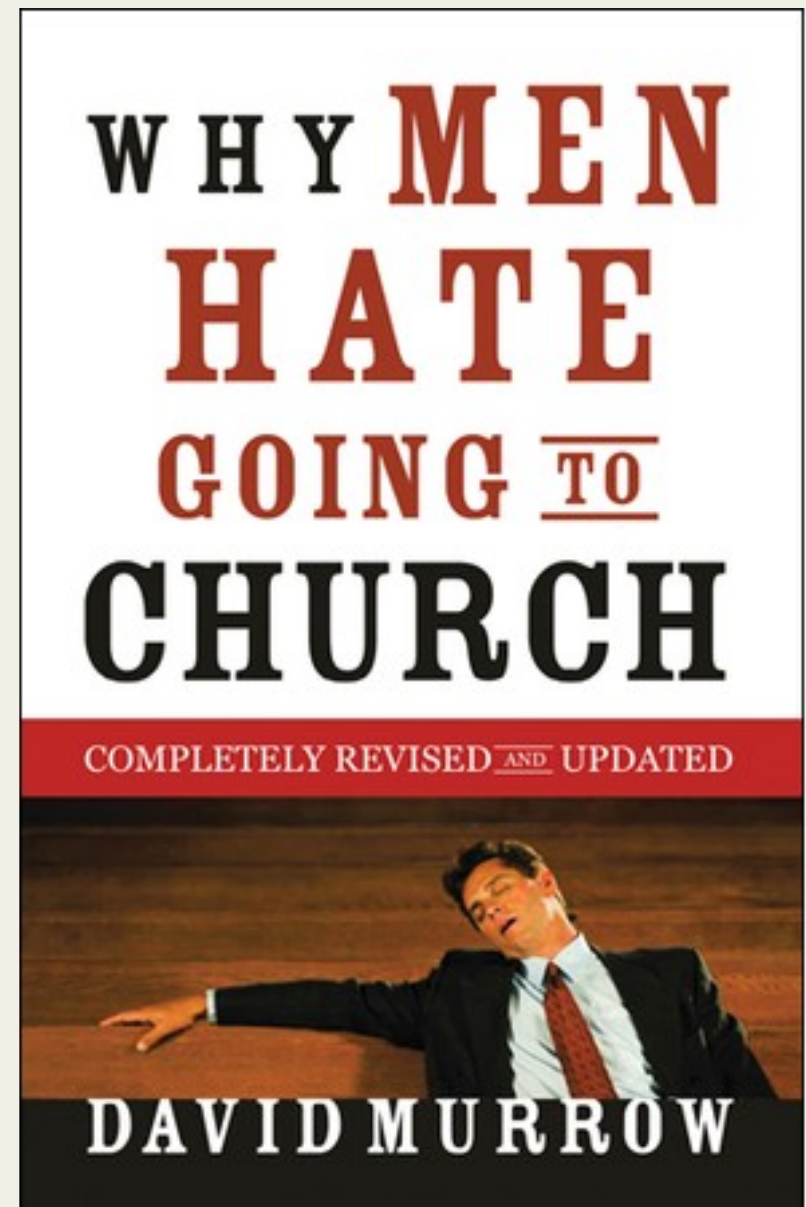
At least the **NON** - Christian is
Actively DOING Something!

- * Chasing **Money**.
- * Chasing **Woman**
- * Chasing **Corporate ladder**
- * They were getting **Drunk**.
- * Playing **Sports!**
- * **Watching** Sports

They are **DOING** something to

- To **Cover** the **Pain** in their lives
or
- To **Exalt Themselves**

but at least → they had **GOALS**



Christian Man's Question is

Pastor Dave – I am a Christian Man who **AGREES**

Life in the **World** – when I was a **NON-Christian**

- **Exhausting**
- **Miserable**
- **Self-Centered**

BUT NOW that I am a Christian

I am **SOOOOOOOOO**

BORED!!!



I will give you a Powerful Biblical Answer - but first - I want to VENT

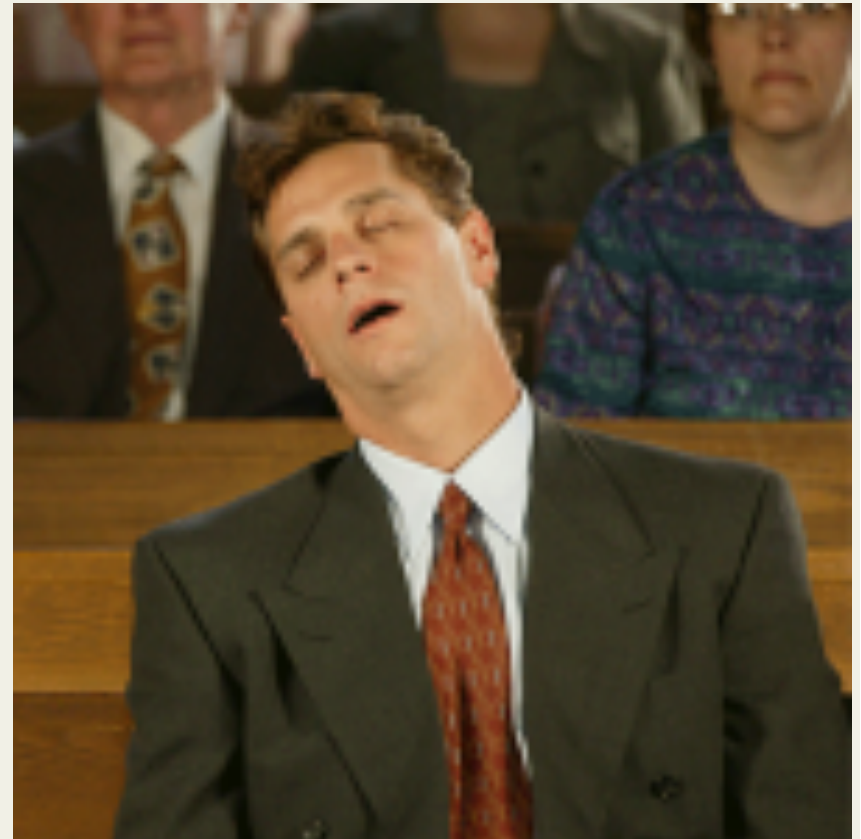
1980 – got involved in the **HOME CHURCH** movement **16 years**

- **Bowen's Mill in Perry Ga**
- **One men's meeting... NORMAL CHURCH!**

- **I remember – Sat. night bed at 8:30**
- **I truly believed 2 things about myself**

1. I had **Narcolepsy** &
Narcolepsy is a chronic sleep disorder,
characterized by an excessive urge to
sleep at inappropriate times,
such as while at church.

2. I was **Not Saved**



Question? BORED in church → Bible Answer

Answer is found in vs. **1** & **2** → find the **CHALLENGE**

Challenge in vs. **1** ?
Be **STRONG**

1 You then, my son, be **strong** in the
grace that is in Christ Jesus.

Challenge in vs. **2** ?
LEAD
Become a
Spiritual
Father

2 And the things you have heard me say
in the presence of many witnesses

ENTRUST to
RELIABLE Men

who will also be qualified to teach others

Where do we get these reliable men ?

Tip → Men Don't have RELATIONSHIPS!!

The WAY men RELATE to other men is in the word...

Teammates!

- **Co- Worker**
- **Fishing Partner**
- **Fellow Soldier**
- **Tennis Buddy**



Adventure **ACTION** **Challenge**

Love about Liberty Church



Built for **MEN!!**

1. Interesting sermons → **LEARN** something → **Short**
2. **BEST** Husbands / Fathers → Competitive & Encouraging

When I first came to Liberty
Movie



2 scenes “Good Enough” Father / Challenge – “I will”

Clip

Challenge to Men – go see this movie &

Be the **BEST**

Husband Father

Man of God

Your Family says about you

He is **Warring** for us

He is **Fighting** for us

He is **Working Hard** for us

He is **Competing** for us

He is **Winning!**

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NEXT week

Oct. 13-15



Pastor John

Continuing with II Timothy

Stage # 1

Seekers



God
Show me
that
Jesus is
Exciting

Stage # 2

Ready **TODAY**
to Give **Everything**
to Jesus



I have been
Miserable &
Tired

I am ready for
Relief
& to be
Unburdened

Stage # 3

GROWING

in



I will
NOT be a
BORED
HALF-WAY
Christian

1 Minute - **DEBRIEF**

- Your ***Favorite*** pt. or what ***Helped*** you
- ***Prayers***



Seekers

&

Salvation



Pastor Johns
Personal testimony 2 cds