

## June Newsletter Article

### Apathy or Action?

Last month I preached a sermon to a group of seniors preparing to graduate from high school and many people who had already graduated from high school. The sermon was about two choices – apathy or action. Apathy is a lack of interest. We think, “I don’t care!” Action is like the *Nike* slogan – “Just do it!”

I believe that most of us underestimate how much God wants to do in our lives and through our lives. I also believe that every human being has a unique calling on his or her life. Each of us was created with intention and purpose. Are we going to discover and fulfill God’s calling or are we not interested? Are we going to choose apathy or action?

Sometimes we face challenging and difficult problems. How many times are we paralyzed and choose to remain in our desperate circumstances instead of acting? Sometimes when we have problems, we blame God for his lack of concern. We pray, “God, why don’t you do something?” What is missing is our urgency. We expect God to act, but we are not taking responsibility to act ourselves. We decide that playing it safe is the reasonable choice.

Consider this: God is never apathetic! God is working for good in the world every day.

Life will be challenging and difficult and frustrating and disappointing. Don’t let that lead you to apathy. Don’t give up! Take the next step. Act. Just do it!

Don’t sit on the sidelines, afraid to fail. You can never succeed if you don’t try. Don’t be scared to try. Vince Lombardi, coach of the Green Bay Packers football team, once said, “The greatest accomplishment is not in never falling, but in rising again after you fall.”

We can have apathy and do nothing . . . or we can act. What people need most from you and me is for us to act for God. The lives of others depend on whether or not you act. During the next few weeks there will be another person at work, in your classroom, on your team, at a party, or in the supermarket. If she sees you act like a Christian, she will have the courage to act like a Christian. People are depending on you.

Pastor Erwin McManus writes, “The most spiritual thing you will do today is to choose.” Whether you realize it or not, every choice you make has an effect on your future. We can choose apathy, or we can choose action.

~Jim