

# If Would Be Funny IF it Weren't So Typical

The following would be funny if it were not SO true (too often for all of us!). In early August I visited a Company and was talking to one of the employees about religion (I do have a minute or two free from time to time). I don't remember exactly what was said, but I found out he went to church every week so I asked him if he read his Bible – he said something like, "No, I am afraid what God would say to me." So all I could reply was, "Then, you don't trust God, do you?"

And, just yesterday I was talking to an employee where I am visiting now and telling him Minneapolis (where I am) has one of the best churches I have ever been to – John Piper's Bethlehem Baptist Church. I told him he ought to go sometime. His reply? I am not making this up – "I know all the stories, I went to church until I was 18 [he is now 30] and I have all the morals." There wasn't much to say to this (Jesus came for the sick, not the healthy – and if Jesus could not get through to the healthy, I sure can't!)

It scares you to realize people think like this – and scares you even worse to know ALL of us (if we are honest) think like this too often. How else can you account for people not reading their Bible regularly except "I know all the stories, I went [or go] to church and I have all the morals"?

The point we miss, when we think like this, is that spiritual truths are not retained in the brain, but in the heart. ALL love dissipates when not exercised. This is why the Bible uses "Manna" as a metaphor for itself since we need to feed on it (as we do physically on food) to remain spiritually healthy!

**READ THE BIBLE  
AND READ IT REGULARLY!**

Get a bookmark and "move" it. 15 minutes or so a day and a person will read it through in a year – which is a pretty good accomplishment! And who knows, you find a different twist in one of those old old stories!