

How Many Bars in Your Spiritual Life?

One of the wireless phone companies ran radio and television commercials that claimed their phones had “More bars in more places” indicating they have better reception and better service in more places than their competitors. People are much more mobile today than in times past and Karns people are no different. On most any given Sunday, 30 to 40 generally faithful people are traveling and away from services of the church for different reasons.

When we are away from family and friends and are “just a face in the crowd,” there is a temptation to act like the other faces in the crowd. We may want to push and shove in the crowded mall, give stern looks or a piece of our mind when someone cuts in front of us. During this time of year there is added stress and opportunity for interaction with people who are also stressed but do not share our goal of living daily Christ-like lives. Some time ago I was in a line of traffic on Emory road. I overheard someone angrily yelling at a flagman directing traffic around some road construction. When I could see the person yelling, he was a member of the Karns congregation (the person is no longer at Karns).

The mark of a mature Christian is consistency regardless of whether we are at home, at services in the church, shopping at the mall, or traveling out of town. It should not matter where we are – our conduct should be guided by God’s law of love. We are to pursue the things which make for peace and things that edify another (Rom. 14:19). Let’s try extra hard to show we also have more spiritual bars in every place we go during this holiday season.

For the elders,
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