

Morning Lesson

THE SEEDS OF PERSECUTION ARE BEING PLANTED Matt. 28:18-20

INTRO:

1. Focus Press by Jack Wilkie last month.
2. "Madison Cawthorn, the North Carolina Republican who will become the youngest member of Congress in history, has admitted he tried to convert Jews and Muslims to Christianity."
3. We're not far away from the same distaste for evangelism being held by most churchgoers.

I. THE MILLENIAL GENERATION.

- A. Barna research found that nearly half of all Millennial (those born 1981 to 1996) self-proclaimed Christians at least somewhat agreed that it's wrong to share personal beliefs to try to sway someone of a different faith.
- B. 25% of Gen X self-proclaimed Christians feel the same, along with one in five of Boomers and older.
- C. It's about a societal shift that will keep moving subsequent generations in that same direction.

II. GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT.

- A. We have little control over the matter. 1 Tim. 2:1-4
- B. Governments throughout history have fluctuated in their views of religious liberty.
- C. The general trend of religious liberty seems to be that it's perfectly acceptable to practice your Christianity, if it's done in a way that is acceptable to others.

III. WE MUST OBEY GOD.

- A. We cannot make a deal that says our Christianity will be lived in such a way that will be acceptable to others.
Acts 5:29
- B. If we don't evangelize now, it's unlikely that we'll start doing it when consequences are troublesome. Luke 16:10
- C. It is easy to get up in arms about our rights, but if we aren't doing anything with them then our outrage is largely for show.

CONC:

1. Am I willing to "admit" to evangelizing the lost?
2. Do I have anything I can "admit" in the first place?
3. Now's a great time for us to put some charges on our record.