

Spiritual Moochers

Philippians 2:12

We are all aware of the classic moocher. This is the fellow who sits around and expects everyone else to do all the work. He expects to receive the rewards of others' hard labor because he just deserves it.

I. Moochers in Matters of Salvation

They don't think it costs anything to them

They love pleasure, popularity and money more

Luke 14:26, 2 Samuel 24:18-24

They think that they don't have to do anything to be saved

This is a denominational idea (faith/grace alone)

James 2:24, Luke 13:3, Acts 17:31, Acts 2:38

There is no such thing as a free ride to salvation

Yes God has paid the price, but he expects work

The gift is on his terms, Romans 6:23, Hebrews 5:8-9

We must obey in order to be saved

1 Corinthians. 3:9, Philippians. 2:12, Ephesians. 2:8-9

II. Moochers in the Church

They are like the Jews in Jesus' day

They think being on the church roll is salvation

God is able to raise sons out of these stones

Religion is more than "going to church"

Some think the church is like a plane ride

Find your seat and then everyone will serve you

But we are not called to be served, but to serve

The success of this congregation depends on you

1 Cor. 3:9, 2 Peter 3:14, 1 Cor. 15:58, Mk 13:34

*Don't Come To Christ
Without Counting the Cost*