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repented, never grown, never served, never been transformed. They are churchgoers—not disciples. Spectators—not soldiers. Fans—not followers. And sadly, their weak spiritual lives don't just stagnate their own souls; they often become dead weight for the congregation.

**Unconverted members drag churches down.** Let's be honest—lukewarm members are not neutral. They don't remain quietly in the background; they affect the whole body.

- They weaken the atmosphere of worship.
- They dilute the church's spiritual identity.
- They resist change, growth, or anything that pressures them toward deeper commitment.
- They discourage the zealous by making real Christianity seem “fanatical” or “extreme.”
- They normalize complacency.
- They influence new converts to adopt a watered-down version of discipleship.
- They create generational cycles of spiritual apathy.

Their spiritual laziness becomes contagious—and suddenly, you have a church full of people who call Jesus “Lord” but do not obey His commands (Luke 6:46). Satan doesn't mind people warming pews; he just doesn't want them warming hearts.

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**Maybe We Should Start Evangelizing  
the Unconverted in Our Own Churches (continued)**

**The fruit test doesn't lie.** Jesus didn't say, “You will know them by their family legacy.” He said, “You will know them by their fruits.” (Matthew 7:16).

And frankly, the fruit tells the truth. We have members who don't pray unless someone hands them a microphone. We have young adults who have never once opened their Bible outside of a worship assembly. We have teens who know more lyrics from worldly artists than Scripture from the New Testament. We have adults who know every stat from their favorite sports teams but cannot quote five passages about salvation—all while confidently calling themselves “Christians” simply because they were raised in the building.

Some of these folks have been in church their entire lives, but spiritually, they have never left the starting line. Often, they don't sing. They have never been broken over sin, never surrendered to Christ, never truly

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