

Connections Season 1, Episode 3



"The deeds you do may be the only sermon some persons will hear today."
St. Francis of Assisi

REFLECTION: Dr. Tillman has written the following in *Christian Ethics: A Triadic Approach*. His words reflect on the tension felt by the “dones,” “nones,” and “umms.” [At 6:00 in the podcast]

As well, more and more I’d become attuned to how much congregations with which I was familiar carried on their operations with values that had more basis, bearing, and force in the culture, and with sometimes more incivility than cultural expressions. As well, conversely, there were more and more occasions that I noticed values of empathy, patience, encouragement, listening and communicating with truth, justice, and compassion were more clearly expressed from the cultural side of life.

I found myself ready and willing to enter into relationships, friendships, movements with those who had little to no congregational affiliations because they expressed in many ways more holy values than those who met Sunday by Sunday in church buildings.

Based on your experience, do you agree or disagree with the statement? Why or Why not?

How would you characterize yourself on this continuum?



What thoughts come to mind when you hear the word, “evangelism”? Are they positive? Negative? Neutral?

MAKING CONNECTIONS: What suggestions might you offer to help the church share the Gospel (good news) with persons in society. Have you any thoughts about best practices for the church to employ in connecting with Gospel with culture?



“If we are to train world citizens and kingdom builders, we must help those who have accepted Christ to see the relation of their experience to the broader social, economic, political, and religious problems of the world.”

[T. B. Maston. *The Christian in the Modern World*. p. 135]