

LET US HOLD UNSWERVINGLY TO THE HOPE WE PROFESS, FOR HE WHO PROMISED IS FAITHFUL. AND LET US CONSIDER HOW WE MAY SPUR ONE ANOTHER ON TOWARD LOVE AND GOOD DEEDS, NOT GIVING UP MEETING TOGETHER, AS SOME ARE IN THE HABIT OF DOING, BUT ENCOURAGING ONE ANOTHER—AND ALL THE MORE AS YOU SEE THE DAY APPROACHING.

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HERE WE COME TO THE CRUX OF THE PROBLEM THAT THE SPIRITUAL-BUT-NOT-RELIGIOUS PEOPLE HAVE WITH CHURCH. IF WE COULD JUST KICK OUT ALL THE HUMAN BEINGS, WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO MEET THEIR HIGH STANDARDS. IF WE COULD JUST KICK OUT ALL THE SINNERS, WE MIGHT HAVE A SHOT AT FOLLOWING JESUS. BEING PRIVATELY

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SPIRITUAL BUT NOT RELIGIOUS JUST DOESN'T INTEREST ME. THERE IS NOTHING CHALLENGING ABOUT HAVING DEEP THOUGHTS ALL BY ONESELF. WHAT IS INTERESTING IS DOING THIS WORK IN COMMUNITY, WHERE OTHER PEOPLE MIGHT CALL YOU ON STUFF, OR HEAVEN FORBID, DISAGREE WITH YOU. WHERE LIFE WITH GOD GETS RICH AND

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