Stupid Fans

There is no delicate way to put this…

The Dallas Fort Worth metroplex has the worst sport fans I’ve ever seen.

We might have America’s team… but I’m telling you we have the worst sports fans

What makes a bad sports fan?

Unengaged

Too busy Texting… Thinking about other things

Uninformed or Ignorant

Usually Cheering for the wrong thing…

They saw the play… but not the flag for holding…

They hear the crack of the bat but don’t realize it’s a pop up

No concept of the sacrifice fly

Distracted - Lacking Focus

For whatever reason, a bad sports fan doesn’t realize what is important.

Scripture is full of some stupid fans… People that lost a focus on what was important… what really mattered.

**Apollos & Paul**

1 Corinthians 3:4-8 (NIV)

**4**For when one says, “I follow Paul,” and another, “I follow Apollos,” are you not mere human beings?

**5**What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. **6**I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow.**7**So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. **8**The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor.

DOCTRINAL DIFFERENCE

Philippians 1:15-18 (NIV)

**15**It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. **16**The latter do so out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. **17**The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains. **18**But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice.

Yes, and I will continue to rejoice,

Acts 4:31 & 36 (NIV)

**31**After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken.And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of Godboldly.

**36**Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas(which means “son of encouragement”), **37**sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles’ feet.

Barnabas wasn’t a stupid fan… unfortunately Ananias & Saphira were

Acts 5:1-11 (NIV)

**5**Now a man named Ananias, together with his wife Sapphira, also sold a piece of property. **2**With his wife’s full knowledge he kept back part of the money for himself, but brought the rest and put it at the apostles’ feet.

**3**Then Peter said, “Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heartthat you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? **4**Didn’t it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn’t the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied just to human beings but to God.”

**5**When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard what had happened. **6**Then some young men came forward, wrapped up his body, and carried him out and buried him.

**7**About three hours later his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. **8**Peter asked her, “Tell me, is this the price you and Ananias got for the land?”

“Yes,” she said, “that is the price.”

**9**Peter said to her, “How could you conspire to test the Spirit of the Lord? Listen! The feet of the men who buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out also.”

**10**At that moment she fell down at his feet and died. Then the young men came in and, finding her dead, carried her out and buried her beside her husband. **11**Great fear seized the whole church and all who heard about these events.

Stupid fans aren’t stupid people… they are just distractable people…

A lot of people get focused on…

Styles

Ministries

Church buildings

Only 2 things matter…

That God would be glorified

That men would be saved

(Knowing Him and making Him Known)

Revelation 2:1-6 (NIV)

**2**“To the angel**[**[**a**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=revelation%202&version=NIV#fen-NIV-30719a)**]** of the church in Ephesus write:

These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right handand walks among the seven golden lampstands. **2**I know your deeds,your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. **3**You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary.

**4**Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. **5**Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place. **6**But you have this in your favor: You hate the practices of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

The Church of Ephesus weren’t stupid people… they were distractable people… stupid fans cheering for the wrong thing…

They needed to return to their 1st love

WE ALL NEED TO DO THIS

Are you still excited…

About the Truth? (Even though you’ve heard that same sermon before… you are excited about truth)

2 Tim 3:7 (NIV) Always learning but never able to come to a knowledge of the truth.

2 Tim 4:3 (NIV) For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.

**DO YOU STILL CHEER LOUDLY? (Authentic doesn’t mean lazy!)**

About Worship?

About fellowship?

About the Gospel?

Heaven is full of smart fans…

Luke 15:8-10 (NIV)

**8**“Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins**[**[**a**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=luke%2015&version=NIV#fen-NIV-25597a)**]** and loses one. Doesn’t she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it?**9**And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.’ **10**In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”