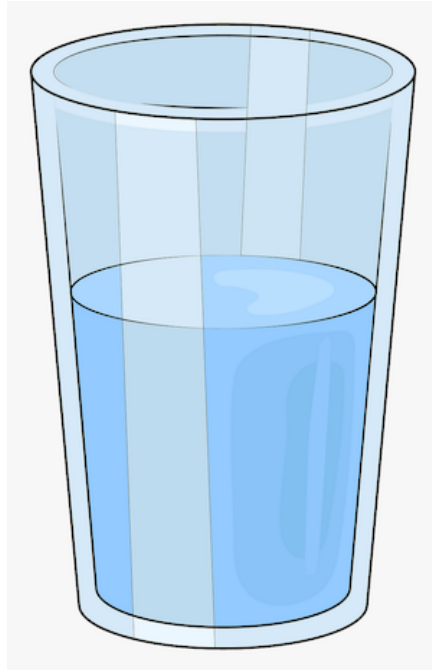


Parable of the Glass of Water



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"A lady went to her Pastor and said 'Pastor, I won't be going to your church anymore."

The Pastor responded "But why?"

The lady said "Ah! I saw a woman gossiping about another member; a man that is a hypocrite; the worship team living wrong; people looking at their phone during service; among so many other things wrong in your church."

The Pastor replied "OK. But before you go, do me a favor: take a full glass of water and walk around the church three times without spilling a drop on the ground. Afterwards, leave the church if you desire."

The lady thought: too easy! She walked three times around the church as the Pastor had asked. When she finished she told the Pastor she was ready to leave.

The Pastor said, "Before you leave I want to ask you one more question. When you were walking around the church, did you see anyone gossiping?"

The lady replied "No."

"Did you see any hypocrites?"

The lady said "No."

"Anyone looking at their phone?"

"No."

"You know why?"

"No."

"You were focused on the glass, to make sure you didn't stumble and spill any water. It's the same with our life. When we keep our eyes on Jesus, we don't have time to see the mistakes of others. We will reach out a helping hand to them and concentrate on our own walk with the Lord."

Lesson: Focus on Jesus, not the other people