



NEW HEART BEAT DEVOTIONS

“Give man food and he will live for days. Teach him to plant and he will live for years.
Show him the Bread of Life and he could live forever.”

“Y”

I attended a swim meet at the local YMCA (next to Kiwanas Lake) where my seven year old granddaughter was competing. For her first year, I am really proud of her. (It is something I tried to learn, but I never overcame my fear of getting in water above 4 feet.)

This YMCA building was just built two years ago. It is very big, with two pools and seating for over 2,500. When you first walk in, on the floor, is this large logo of body, mind and spirit. It had a Bible verse in the middle. I took a picture of it and looked up the verse John 17:21 at home. “That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.”

According to YMCA.net, “Twenty-two-year-old, George Williams, a farmer-turned-department store worker, was troubled by what he saw: (a place of great turmoil and despair in London during 1844) He joined 11 friends to organize the first Young Men’s Christian Association, a refuge of Bible study and prayer for young men seeking escape from the hazards of life on the streets.” Today, the YMCA is a worldwide organization with more than 57 million beneficiaries from 125 national associations. The YWCA is in more than 120 countries with a goal of 100 million members by 2035.

I have often wondered why they are called Young Men’s Christian Association. Both men and women go to the YMCA and YWCA. I also wonder why they have the word Christian in their name. They have a very detailed [Strategic Priorities](#) for 2014-2017. In it, the word Christian is only mention a few times. There is no mention of God, the Bible, religious or spiritual growth. They have moved away from their original foundation. In 2010, the YMCA revitalized its brand and began officially referring to itself by its most familiar name—the Y.

Other hospitals, schools, colleges, and organizations have or are moving away from their faith beginnings. Some totally removed religion. Some watered down the teaching of Christ so much that it becomes totally meaningless. They claim, they do not want to offend anyone that the matters on the soul is for the church.

But even mainstream churches are changing. “The World Council of Churches focus became increasing one-sided, calling societies to repent instead of individuals. The proclamation of Jesus’s work of salvation was replaced by initiatives toward peace, the preservation of God’s creation...Fulfilling the Great Commission was reduced to combating poverty and injustice.” [The Legacy of a Couple Ruth & Billy Graham](#) by Hanspeter Nuesch 2014 page 228. Many Churches have changed the Gospel to a [Social Gospel](#) and some Social with no Gospel. They are replacing soul food with food pantries, preserving souls with preserving climate, prayer rooms with coffee bars, and preparing for the afterlife with only improving the present life.

“Ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess... Cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also.” Matt23:25,26



People at York Y must step on this.

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“For ye have the poor always with you; but me ye have not always.” Mat 26:11



First clean inside with Jesus.

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