



Who we are

1. We are servants of God who are burdened by the lukewarmness of the Christian society.

We would like to begin by saying that in Elijah Movement International we use the term *professing Christian*. We use this term to avoid being looked at as judgmental as much as possible because many claim themselves to be a Christian but their values and lifestyles do not support the claim. The term is neutral in the sense that everyone can have the title of a Christian but their works shall prove it. As Jesus said, "A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit...by their fruits you will know them."

The beginning state of a one who professes to be a Christian is filled with excitement in knowing the Lord in learning Him through the Holy Scripture and communication to Him through prayers. Such a person has a high motivation in getting involved in church activities and ministry works. This person grabs every opportunity that arises to speak about Jesus. This person displays a type of zealousness to Jesus. However, this state changes for some reason. The person gradually grows colder but remains to profess to be a Christian.

We define *lukewarmness* as the state of a professing Christian where once upon a time he displayed zeal in the Lord and later grew cold in his desire for Him. We believe that once a person is touched by Christ that *that* is all that it takes for him to be serious in Him.

2. We are servants of God who are burdened by seminaries and Bible-training institutions who ordain traditional ministers to ministry. This produces traditional Christian churches.

How easy is it for a professing Christian to get ordained for the work of the ministry? All it takes is 2, 3 or 4 years of education and training. Many of them are even *forced* by their minister parents to attend school and seminaries and struggle, but at the end of their sessions get their diplomas and ordination anyway. Are they getting ordained for the information, Bible, Theology skills that they learned from school? Do these people understand the call of God to the ministry of the gospel? Bible schools or seminaries are meant to prepare the hearts of the students for the work of ministry. It is not the head that needs to be enlarged but the hearts of the students by the teaching of the Word of God. If there is anything better for the schools to do it is to discourage the students to attend the school unless they are certain that God called them in the ministry. Manmade ministry forms a church of man. The church will be nothing but a social gathering of those who profess to be Christians.

3. We are servants of God who are burdened by ministers who bring down the standard of God to human standard. This produces secular Christianity.

Elijah Movement International is burdened by those who say "yes" to almost everything. They give the false hope of salvation to those who claim to have a god, know a god, or have other godly beliefs but do not believe in Jesus that He is the Son of God and that He is God. They make it easy for everyone so they can have everybody come to church. They lighten the sermon, so it is not offensive to the congregation. They refrain from preaching against sin and teach on the love and forgiveness of God at *all times*.

4. We are servants of God who are burdened by ministers who compromise the message of the Lord to keep their ministry.

These are some of the compromising advice: “Do not preach about tithing when the people who are listening do not pay their tithes. Do not preach about the sin of men and that men need repentance in order to be saved. We need to be flexible with our sermon to speak not offensive words but rather always edifying. Do not be negative in your sermons. Be positive at all times. People will leave the church when we preach strong messages. We need to keep the ministry and we want the people to continue to come.”

5. We are servants of God who are burdened by ministers who are seeking for ministry rather than Jesus.

Have you been visited by a minister who does not have a ministry? Watch out for your flock while he plans to take over. They come to you in sheep’s clothing. They want to have a ministry by taking yours. They are in your church seeking to devour your ministry. Elijah Movement International believes that when Jesus is who you seek ministry shall follow after you.

6. We are servants of God who are burdened by ministers who come unprepared of the message they deliver to the body of Christ.

All preachers have seven days to prepare for the next Sunday morning sermon. As soon as we finish delivering the message on a Sunday morning we immediately ask God for the message for the next Sunday. God’s message does not come easy. It requires full submission to Him, a diligent study of the Word, and prayer and meditation. It requires us to live a life for Him on a daily basis.

Saturday evening is not the beginning of our meditation for the Sunday message but it is the final evening. This means that we have been prepared.

There are preachers today that come without preparation of the message. They live a busy life for themselves and will not devote the time for the preparation of the Word. They come on a Sunday morning in their churches but unprepared for a prepared congregation to hear the Word. These preachers are burden of Elijah Movement International.

7. We are servants of God who are burdened by ministers who preach that to love God above all is the first and the greatest commandment but live “LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOU LOVE YOURSELF” as their first and greatest.

There is a prevailing teaching given to Pastors and leaders in seminars that “God is first, family is second and the third is ministry.”

Doesn’t ministry belong to God? Isn’t our family a ministry? What is then the use of making them the second and the third if God is first?

Are we not ordained to be head of the household, and our family is our ministry, to bring them to God to minister with us so we are ministering to as a family?

There are ministers who forsook their ministries for the sake of their families. We are burdened by these ministers. Doesn’t ministry belong to God, and the first commandment is to love God first then neighbor/family/our closest neighbor? Didn’t Jesus say that if we cannot love less our mother or father, brother or sister, even our ourselves, we cannot be His disciples?

8. We are servants of God who are burdened by shepherds who are committed to their responsibilities to the ministry but not to their flock.

“I love to preach” or “I love to teach”. These two phrases we hear from ministers who are pleased when they have the ability to preach or teach. They enjoy doing their ministries but not staying with the flock. They are gone after they preach and teach; the flock is left behind without a guide. A true shepherd spends time with his flock. He preaches or teaches the flock the Word because he wants them to learn and be blessed. He monitors the effect and results of the Word preached or taught in people’s lives. He is a mentor to the flock.

9. **We are servants of God who are burdened by ministers who use people to build their ministry rather than using their ministry to build people for Jesus.**

The increasing quantity of the members of a church is the evidence of a growing church. This can be true but not necessarily correct. If quantity is the basis then ministers will have to do everything to recruit church members so that his ministry will look like a great ministry. Elijah Movement International believes that God gave us a ministry. No one can steal it, no one can take it, and no one can borrow it. The ministry is *in us* wherever we go. It is God-given and its purpose is for us to use it to raise and build people for God.

10. **We are servants of God who are burdened by those who are not responding to the call of God to ministry.**

There are people whom God has been calling to service, but because of the worries of life are unwilling to step out in faith and serve the Lord.

11. **We are the servants of God. We have received a command and clear direction from the Lord. We are fully convinced, moving in haste and have no time to lose. Argument, debate, competition and quarrel we hate. Every second, if we participate, is a waste.**

Elijah Movement International knows its call and direction. We move away from those who can be impedance to the progress, avoid those who are contrary to the vision and mission but welcome those who are the same as we are.

Our Purpose

1. To gather servants of the same heart who shall proclaim the fiery message of the Lord against lukewarmness to local, citywide, statewide, nationwide and global body of Christ by outdoor proclamation in streets, public places and wherever opportunity arises.
2. To motivate the next generation servants of like hearts as Elijah educated Elisha for the end times prophetic preaching.
3. To promote this unity worldwide as a Global End times Shepherds Workforce. We are Elijah Movement International of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA, the endtimes prophetic shepherds, the shepherds with no flock.