

Stop Talking

Pastor Francis Chan

(Reads article about the college service)

This is what we want the world to see: God pouring out His spirit upon the next generation-kids sold out to Christ.

Eighteen-year-old leukemia victim Clayton preached to the youth service. "I'm dying, so it's easy for me to live every day as if it were my last. The docs gave me three months. It's been two. It's easy for me to be thankful for life because tomorrow I may not have it. It's not hard to be thankful for my friends because I may never see them again. I'm dying, but so you guys. We have a clock, a timeline and we're gonna kick the bucket. For me, I have the luxury of knowing when I might go. I feel sorry for you all. Because you don't know when you are gonna die. So everyone that is blinded by this world, and is not living every day like it could be their last-which it well could be. I feel sad for the people who are blinded by the world, by the people who don't know where they are going when they die. I feel compassion for those who think they know where they are going, but they really don't. This makes sense. If I only had a few days or weeks to live, that would be my message. I know where I'm going, but I'm afraid for you. Most of us don't give a thought that we're dying and this might be our last day on earth. Be ready."

Francis: Do we really pray for our kids? Do we pray, not for their success, their appearance, their athletic ability or talent? We need to have a time of prayer in this service for our youth. We need to get our neighbors together to pray for the kids in our neighborhoods, believing that things are going to be different. Expect something because God gets glory. Pray for yourself-surrender. Don't allow anything to keep you from praying for and loving your neighbors. Why are we scared to meet our neighbors? Why are we afraid to tell them about Christ?

Do you love your neighbors enough to care for your needs? Tell them about Christ. Hold your possessions loosely. The Garcia family decided to believe James 1:27:

"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world."

They fed the homeless at Thanksgiving, they adopted 16 kids and fostered 32. True religion's not about talking, it's about loving.

"For me, to live is Christ, to die is gain." Philippians 1:21

Philippians 2:3-4: "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others."

Live the radical, selfless life!