

The Church's Pearl Harbor?

Few today were alive on December 7, 1941. What is sad is that those of us born after that date have lost the significance and meaning of December 7th. December 7, 1941 was the 9/11 of your grandparents and great grandparents' day. 73 years ago today our country was attacked at Pearl Harbor by Japan and we were thrust into World War II. Few saw it coming. As a result thousands of people died because our leaders left us unprepared.

We honor those who have fallen on our behalf. Today there are few that experienced that battle still living. Yet a nation that does not remember her past mistakes is prone to repeat them in the future. While younger generations might not know what Pearl Harbor was or meant many still do.

On December 7, 1941 we were not ready and we paid a price. We could have lost the war before it ever started. Since that time December 7th has been a reminder of the need to be prepared.

Could the Church be facing its own Pearl Harbor? Here is a sobering fact, since 1968 when Americans gave 3.11% of their incomes to the church that percentage is now around 2%. The experts project that by the year 2050 at the current rate giving will be at 1%

1% will mean that many churches will cease to exist! Who will do their work? Who will minister to those that churches now minister to? While we cannot do anything about any other church we can remain committed to OUR CHURCH.

Every week we ask you to give because we believe in what we do and we believe it is worth giving to. We might be only one church but we do matter. We matter to you and your family. What if our giving was at that 1%? I can tell you many things you enjoy here would cease to be offered. We as a church, IF, we survived at all would be greatly hampered.

2050 might be a long way off but the way to fight the decline in giving is to stay faithful in 2014! Every time you give here you are making a difference. Let's continue to be prepared and ready. Your generosity helps us be prepared and ready. Some churches might be facing their own Pearl Harbor but with your faithful gift today we won't be one of them!