

LOST AND FOUND

EVIDENCE OF LOSING OUR WAY

- Sexual and marital brokenness
- Lack of support for ministry
- Failure to teach young people about God
- Lack of holiness
- Commerce and not worship
- Missing revelation and running wild

SEXUAL AND MARITAL BROKENNESS

- Idolatry (worship the image)
- Unfaithfulness
- Unequally yoked
- Loss of sense of a covenant community
- Violence in intimate relationships
- God would want me to be happy

DIMINISHING SUPPORT FOR MINISTRY

CHRISTIANS

GIVE

LESS

TODAY PER CAPITA

THAN DURING THE

GREAT

DEPRESSION



**247 million
U.S. citizens
claim to be
Christian**



**Up to 99
million say
they go to
church**



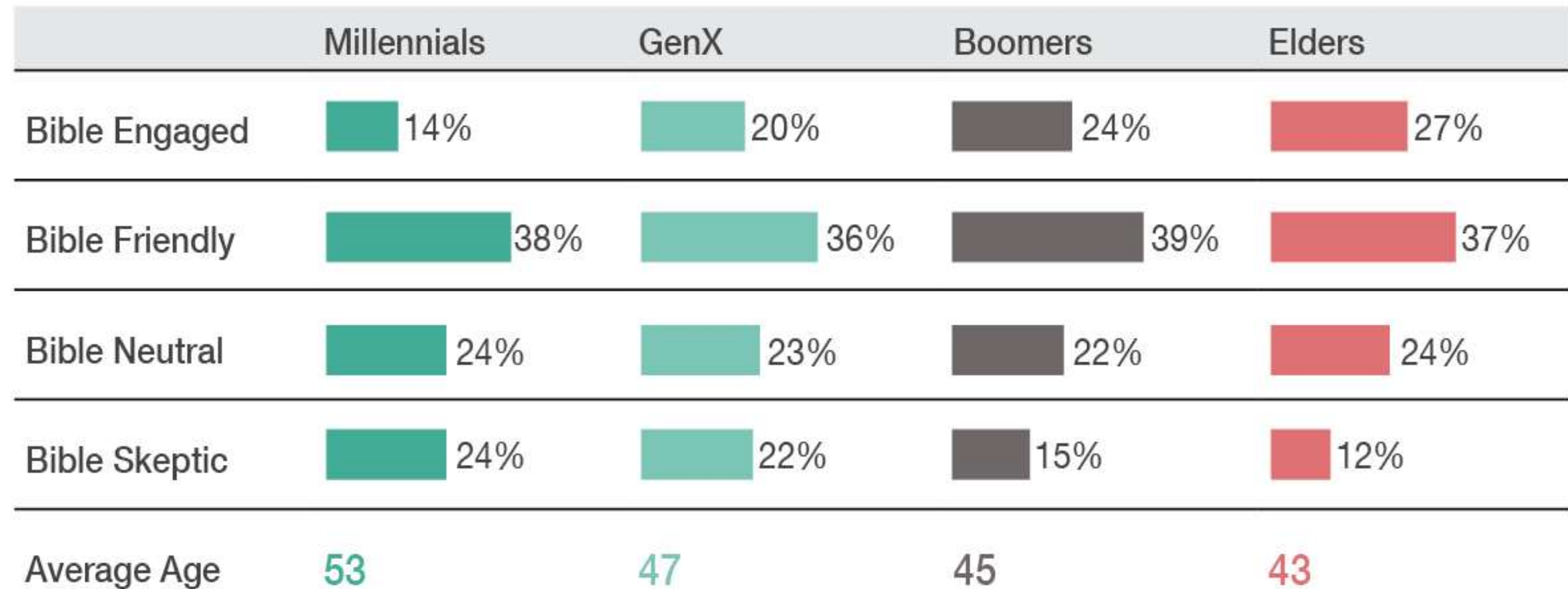
**Yet only 1.5
million tithe**



OF TITHERS HAVE
ZERO CREDIT DEBT

FAILURE TO TEACH YOUNG ADULTS
AND YOUTH ABOUT GOD'S WORD

Average Age Increases as Engagement Increases



CLERGY COMPROMISE

COMMERCE MORE
IMPORTANT THAN WORSHIP

WITHOUT REVELATION
PEOPLE RUN WILD ...

Proverbs 29:18a (HCSB)

WE NEED...

- Restored Revelation
- Restored Prayer
- Restored Worship
- Restored Holiness
- Restored Instruction
- Restored Work
- Restored Rest
- Restored Giving

**WITHOUT REVELATION PEOPLE
RUN WILD, BUT ONE WHO LISTENS
TO INSTRUCTION WILL BE HAPPY.**

Proverbs 29:18 (HCSB)

I WAS ONCE ASKED WHAT THE BEST TRANSLATION OF THE BIBLE WAS. MY ANSWER: WHEN YOU TRANSLATE IT INTO YOUR LIFE. THAT'S WHAT BIBLE STUDY IS ALL ABOUT. IF YOU'RE NOT TRANSLATING GOD'S WORD INTO YOUR LIFE, YOU'RE NOT STUDYING THE BIBLE THE WAY GOD INTENDED. GOD GAVE US THE BIBLE TO TRANSFORM US, NOT SIMPLY INFORM US. IT SHOULD GIVE US A BIGGER HEART, NOT A BIGGER HEAD.

Rick Warren

RESTORED PRAYER

- Repent
 - Whole prayer is not repentance, confession through prayer is one the most sublime expressions of a repentant heart.
- Remind
 - Who we are
 - Why we are here
- Revive

I PRAY BECAUSE I CAN'T HELP
MYSELF. I PRAY BECAUSE I'M
HELPLESS. I PRAY BECAUSE THE NEED
FLOWS OUT OF ME ALL THE TIME-
WAKING AND SLEEPING. IT DOESN'T
CHANGE GOD- IT CHANGES ME.

C.S. Lewis

RESTORED WORSHIP

- Trustworthy
- Responsible
- Leading others into worship and service.

RESTORED HOLINESS
=
SEPARATION + PURIFICATION

RESTORED INSTRUCTION

- The message of Christ
 - Teaching and admonishing in wisdom
- Loving God
 - Writing God's word on your heart
 - Parents play a pivotal role in teaching children

RESTORED WORK

RESTORED REST

RESTORED GIVING

NOW THE GOD OF ALL GRACE, WHO CALLED YOU TO HIS ETERNAL GLORY IN CHRIST JESUS, WILL PERSONALLY RESTORE, ESTABLISH, STRENGTHEN, AND SUPPORT YOU AFTER YOU HAVE SUFFERED A LITTLE. THE DOMINION BELONGS TO HIM FOREVER. AMEN.

1 Peter 5:10-11 (HCSB)