

## **I appear to be invisible**

It is so odd to me that I am a fairly active member of a church congregation: I teach a Sunday school class, I speak at the communion table, and I have had the privilege to preach a few times. I work hard to prepare for these things, and do my best to present something that will glorify God and increase faith in my listeners.

But I appear to be invisible to some people. I don't really pursue people, and perhaps I could be more friendly, but I always look at people and gauge their interest in making contact. If I catch their eye, then I nod or speak. I am puzzled that some never look my way at all – never even giving me a chance to connect. I wonder what I might have done to offend them (if I have, I would like to apologize).

It doesn't concern me that much, but I think that it is interesting and I keep a watch on certain people that are in (or want to be in) "leadership" positions that fall into this category.

On the other hand, I had a very interesting interaction recently with a young man at church. Our song director and others were trying to help teach some songs for a teen-age praise team. This particular young man was a little insecure in his singing ability, but noticed that I nodded approval to him. His mother told me that it made him feel better.

So, I guess I am not invisible to all. I would rather be seen by the young people than the older ones who might think that they have everything that they need and do not need me.