



Bright Ideas

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Today I was reading some things that provoked me to write the following I hope you can take the time to read it and even log onto our website to comment on it. I sure would appreciate your thoughts.

Some say "God helps those who help themselves" and my reply is "those who help themselves never help God". A God centered life will have the needed wealth but nowhere in the Bible are we encouraged to be self-sufficient but rather God-sufficient. One who is God-sufficient sees the blessings of God flow into every part of his/her life. That person sees health, a whole family, and the prosperity to overcome in all things. When as the Bible says when we "seek first the kingdom of God all these things shall be added unto us".

So if we are thinking about blessings, we have to discuss the holy and the profane. Today, with some the lines become increasingly blurred between the holy and the profane or that which pleases God and that which God hates. It is an easy and greasy message that removes ABSOLUTES from a daily walk with Jesus. Some stand and crow "we have grace, so relax and go with the flow".

Forgetting that the Bible says free grace is not a license to sin.

Recently, I heard a preacher speaking about being culturally relevant. He tried to express that we need to participate in worldly things to be relevant to the culture around us. This is a dangerous message to preach when the Bible says "woe to the shepherds who have muddied the waters for the sheep".

Friend, it does not matter what a self-promoting man may tell you. God is a God of ABSOLUTES and the greater the consciousness of Jesus becomes in your life the more absolute your outlook on

life becomes. My grandfather used to say "none so blind as those who refuse to see".

For example, I live in Boston which arguably could be called the world capital of the humanist church. (Humanism - any system or mode of thought or action in which human interests, values, and dignity predominate.) Over 10 % of Boston's population consists of college students from around the world studying at Harvard and MIT. (Did you know that Harvard was one of the first seminaries in America?) If you want to talk about humanism and the effects it has on society, this is the place to start. Boston is also the place where homosexual marriage started and challenged the world. The place where two congressmen were just re-elected. One is openly homosexual living with his partner. During one of his terms he was found growing drugs in his backyard. They also exposed a homosexual prostitution ring he was running from his house. I could go on but you get the point, i.e., he is an ungodly man. His counterpart in the next district just had his wife sentenced to jail for helping people cheat and steal. Then there is Provincetown an openly homosexual town where free speech goes out the window. One street preacher tried preaching there and was arrested and run out of town. So much for freedom in America!

When ABSOLUTES disappear, slowly but surely so does morality. Man loves to build a god to suit his own purposes. Removing the ABSOLUTES of the Bible which they are not comfortable with and adding Jesus to their humanistic, self-centered life, they call themselves believers and live like this. They also usually have a gospel that becomes about prosperity and feeling good, as that is the crown for any follower of humanism.

Absolutely, Jesus said "the world will hate you", why? Because the Spirit of Jesus in a true follower of Christ makes a humanist uncomfortable. Humanism hates the ABSOLUTES of a relationship with Jesus and hates anyone who has separated themselves from the lust of the world. In essence, the Jesus in such a person is too clean for a dirty world. Too white when man chooses to see grey. You see, humanism tolerates all religions but persecutes Jesus because Jesus is the only pure, clean One who convicts and who exposes us in our sins and pleasures. Jesus is consistent, never changing as the Bible says "Heaven and earth shall pass away but the word of the Lord stands forever".

ABSOLUTES are essential to any believer who claims a relationship with Jesus. ABSOLUTES from the Bible which are ministered into our life are a road map for our morality and life. If Holy Spirit inspired ABSOLUTES are not increasing in our lives, then humanism is. The Universal church that is headquartered in Boston accepts all things and all men, but rejects ABSOLUTES from Jesus. In essence they say, "you can live a morality based on any religion, even from the devil himself, as long as you give to the poor or help others". Such people have formed gods for their own purposes.

True followers of Christ offend the culture. They do not try to cause disturbance; they are not self righteous or religious. But their mere presence brings light, and the Holy Spirit in them convicts people even before they open their mouth. Jesus Christ offended the culture of His day.

Yes, He ate with sinners, but He did not participate in or give approval to their sin. He entered their homes, but never did He enter the brothels and drinking establishments. Jesus had nice clothes, but never did he pursue riches. Wealth pursued Him because He stood separate as a Holy and righteous

man. He gave little thought to the riches of this world, but rather He looked to the wealth of Heaven.

One thing that amazes me is how many supposed "Christians" pursue riches, and churches teach how to prosper in riches. How can that be, especially when one is hard pressed to find any positive passages in the Bible about rich people? Rather, the Bible says things like "come now you rich weep and howl for the misery that is coming upon you".

Both humanistic people and "believers" pursue riches aggressively. Instead of making Jesus their whole life, many add Jesus to their life like adding a badge to their chest. Doesn't it make you want to ask, "why would anyone want to chase after something the Bible has nothing kind to say anything about"? Some preachers teach how to get rich, but we need to understand that they are peddlers of humanism, and wolves tearing at the flock of Jesus Christ.

If we run from the lusts of man in life, then the consciousness of Jesus will increase, and the blessings and peace of Jesus will follow us. God wants to bless you with His Presence in such a way, you and I will overcome in all things.

For many, insecurity is a daily part of their life. They place their confidence in what surrounds them and derive their identity from what they do rather than from who Jesus says they are. You can always tell this type of person as they must be busy building what pleases or satisfies them. They do this rather than allowing the purposes of God to carry them forward.

Just be with Jesus. Hang out with Him. Learn the sound of His voice. Enjoy the aroma of His Presence. Then just walk with Him, talk with Him and understand He just wants to be with you. No, you

cannot earn His acceptance or love. You cannot buy Him or work to please Him. He loves you right where you are. If you draw near to Him, He WILL draw near to you.

May the ABSOLUTES of a relationship with Jesus increase in our lives so that we understand more of how to remove humanism from our lives to be more like Him.

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