

Talk About Being “Egotistical”

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We have many weapons to battle the likes of the “Pharisees” & “Sadducees” of our time, but I think one of the greatest if not the greatest weapons we have against people who think like them is our “witness”.

It’s not a matter of how we speak or preach or pray with or for people that reaches them, but a matter of do we believe what we say or pray, and do we act on the those things. In other words, do we “walk the talk” and not just “talk the talk”.

There are a lot of judgmental and I hedge to say, but will say, “egotistical” (prideful) people who are Christians. They’re the ones who are more interested in doctrine (what they think or their denomination says about the Word of God), then in The Truth (Jesus Christ) as He tells it. (*John 14:6*)

Jesus says that people should “see” the difference in the *light* that “shines” from you. That *light* is Jesus Christ in us. (*Matthew 5:16*)

Being that light requires that we have to “choose” to walk the life and we “choose” to follow Christ Jesus. It’s not about being “religious” and going through the motions or choreography of “church”, but about having a genuine, faith-filled, loving “relationship” with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

I recently learned of a “calabash cousin” (very close family friend of the family Hawaiian-style ‘ohana [heheheh]), who used to be a stripper in Las Vegas, but got saved and now attends and awesome church in San Diego and leads a ministry that reaches out to strippers and prostitutes in San Diego.

She got saved as a result of God using a former stripper who found my cousin working the clubs of LA, loved on her in Jesus, told her about Him, prayed for her, then invited and took her to a solid body of Christ who also loved on her and built her up in the Word of God. As a result, her family relationships were healed and restored and now she is a powerful witness of God’s love and His saving grace and power in Jesus Christ.

The message of their ministry is JESUS and the WORD OF GOD and their goal is not to change the girls or the guys lives, but to lead them to Jesus Christ, get them plugged into solid church homes, and allow God to do what basically only He can do and in ways that only He can, helping to change their hearts and enable them to “see” HIM and HIS WAY and HIS TRUTH, versus what they had on the streets or in the clubs.

The sad thing is that the greatest resistance they face comes from many of the churches in the communities who reject these girls and those they would steer their way because of who they were and “are” (some of the girls & guys that they take to church continue working the clubs & streets until they get to that “crossroad” we’ve all faced, choose “blessing or cursing, life or death” [*Deut. 30:19-20*]).

To me, that is 'EGOTISTICAL' because those churches think they are BETTER or TOO GOOD for those "Types of People". How sad because I can remember when I was one of "those types"..you know, a "sinner" who was lost and without hope and ready to blow my brains out after having lost everything and everyone I loved due to an adulterous lifestyle.

These prideful people are Christians, but they've forgotten the "CHRIST" part of being a "CHRIST-ANS". All it takes is for us to read **Matthew 7:1-2 & 9:-13** to see that Jesus sat with and ministered to ALL who came to Him. (**Matthew 19:25-26; I Timothy 2:1-5** [**#vs. 4 especially**])

God does not condone the sin, but **He desires the sinner to come to Him** above all else. Then, it's up to us to make that choice to receive Jesus as Lord and follow Him to make the changes in our lives by making better choices and decisions in every aspect of our lives. (**I John 1:9; Matthew 11:28; Romans 12:2**)

The church is to help people to grow in their relationships with Jesus Christ and our Father in heaven, through Love, Patience, Sound Teaching and Preaching of the Word of God, and not toss individuals out or ban them from coming in just because they "stink a little" or "stink a lot".

There are "egotistical" Christians..but, that's nothing new. People will be people. But for someone to say that Christianity is an egotistical ideology we believe what the Bible says and believe that we are the only ones who will get to God because of our faith in Jesus Christ is, in my belief, an indication that the person who will such things is being foolish and they are probably very insecure in their own destiny and the "ego problem" is not with the Body of Christ nor is it certainly not with God, but theirs and theirs alone.

The Word teaches us that the **"fool says in his heart there is no God."** (**Psalms 14:1**) And, it goes on in (vs. 2), **"The Lord looks down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there are any who understand, who seek God."**

I choose to be one of the many who does not believe himself to be either a fool or blind, but one who believes in, constantly seeks closer relationship with and has faith in God and in His Word that is Alive and Never Fails Me and Has Nothing Less Than My Best for me now and through all eternity with Him. Amen.

What's your choice?