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**Enlightened**

James 4:3-4 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. 4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. (KJV)

So much of the world and its fallen ways have slipped right past the spiritual radars of many and have infiltrated those that are seeking truth; much of what man calls a church today will not float with our Lord and is sinking quickly into the abyss of darkness.

John 2:23-25 Now when he was in Jerusalem at the passover, in the feast day, many believed in his name, when they saw the miracles which he did. 24 But Jesus did not commit himself unto them, because he knew all men, 25 And needed not that any should testify of man: for he knew what was in man. (KJV)

Today it seems like many are looking to make a name for themselves rather than proclaiming the name which is above every name. Our Lord did not spend His time making a name for himself or looking for mans’ approval; instead we see the opposite is true. Do you need someone’s approval or are you no longer concerned with what man thinks of you?

2 Corinthians 10:12 For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise. (KJV)

It seems like many think a church is like a business or corporation where bigger is better. Many spend more time comparing themselves with others and trying to make a name for their organizations instead of teaching the people who they are in Christ and how to measure their lives by His standard; now that’s when you make some real progress in your walk Church.

John 7:6-7 Then Jesus said unto them, my time is not yet come: but your time is always ready. 7 The world cannot hate you; but me it hates, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil. (KJV)

A true man or woman of God is not going to be popular with the people, because the deeper you walk with the Lord the more it contradicts the world. The more you see and speak things that pertain to the Lord, the more it exposes the wannabe’s and pretenders whose motives for serving the Lord are not exactly legitimate.

John 15:17-19 These things I command you, that ye love one another. 18 If the world hates you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. 19 If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. (KJV)

Oh and please don’t take it personally if you get some heat from the so called believers. After all it wasn’t the heathen that crucified our Lord rather it was those that claimed they were believers. As I look around today I see many who are crucifying the Lord all over again with their fallen doctrines which are based more on the world’s standards and not on our Lord’s.

God bless dearly loved, and have a prosperous day in Christ Jesus our Lord.