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**Reality Check**

John 5:41-44 I receive not honour from men. (42) But I know you, that ye have not the love of God in you. (43) I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive. (44) How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only? (KJV)

Here is another reality check Church, when you go to listen to a preacher or teacher are you going because you are led by the Spirit, or because it is some big name personality? If you notice to that when you are seeking more to please man than God then the love of God is drowned out because you will be seeking honor somewhere other than where it should be sought, and that would be from above and not below anymore.

2 Corinthians 10:11-12 Let such an one think this, that, such as we are in word by letters when we are absent, such will we be also in deed when we are present. (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)

That word ‘commend’ means to seek approval or favor from. Ooops, ever see these ministers who use other people to promote their ministries, and then to add insult to injury they are false prophets themselves? Anytime you seek approval or favor from anyone else other than our Lord you have fallen from grace and back to disgrace; simple as that folks.

John 8:47-50 He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God. (48) Then answered the Jews, and said unto him, Say we not well that thou art a Samaritan, and hast a devil? (49) Jesus answered, I have not a devil; but I honour my Father, and ye do dishonour me. (50) And I seek not mine own glory: there is one that seeketh and judgeth. (KJV)

You know, it wasn’t the unbelievers that hassled our Lord; the fact is that it was those that claimed to be God’s people that gave our Lord the most trouble. You will find for yourself as well, that as you go deeper in the realm of the Spirit the path that you walk will not be so heavily traveled anymore, as you are walking away from all the people pleasers and seeking to please God only. So whose honor are you really seeking today; because if it is not from above then you have fallen for something below what our Lord intended?

John 12:24-26 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. (25) He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. (26) If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour. (KJV)

Are you really ready to die to self so that a new man can resurrect in you? Well if you are then don’t be surprised when others are not too pleased with where you are headed, because the choice you make will not be that popular, especially around the religious people. Everyone wants to go to heaven; however, only a few are really dying to get there.

Matthew 15:8-9 This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. (9) But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. (KJV)

The reality is that our Lord looks right through man and gets to the heart of the matter. So while many are wasting so much time pleasing the outward man, there is still a remnant who is more concerned with the inward one. Check please!