

“LET IT BE REAL!”

John 4:23 – *But the hour cometh, and now is, when true worshippers shall worship the father in spirit and in truth. For the father seeketh such to worship him.*



My heart is deeply saddened when I think about all the mess I've seen in the local church body that's done under the guise of the Holy Spirit. I've observed the saints, over the course of my short-lived life, and it never ceases to amaze me when I see all the pretention, the hypocrisy and all the made-up faces in the body of Christ. Why is it so hard for the saints of God to simply lay aside jealousy, envy, and strife and admit that you have proclivities, frailties, imperfections, shortcomings, blemishes, spots and wrinkles and just be real? First begin with yourself (inward), then with God (upward) and last with your fellowman (outward). It's a proven fact that it is impossible to fool all of the people all of the time. You might get lucky and fool some of the people some of the time. But God already knows all about the issues of your heart. Just be real!

Recently I returned to my old church for a reunion musical. I was blown away when I saw how much the young people had grown up, many with children of their own; but also at how much the elders of the church seemed so much older and frail. It was truly an eye-opener. It made me realize that time is swiftly winding up and time is not as long as it has been. I admonish you even now; if you are one of the saints with your mask on, take it off. (Hebrews 12:1b) says, "...Lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset you and run with patience the race that is set before you." I am quite aware that it can be impossible to like every one that you come in contact with; but you are commanded to love them. So why can't the body of Christ come together with one accord and in one place? Put your differences aside and work toward one common goal – kingdom building.

I really want to know... Why do the deacons have to fight against the Pastor? Why do the old church mothers have to look down on the young women as if to say they have always been right with God? Why do the members with their own agendas and who are constantly stirring up confusion in the body, prey on the weak and the innocent to keep them off task? Why do the saints have to be disagreeable just because you disagree with one another? Why do you have to back-bite, undermine and basically sabotage the church mission because you have malice in your heart against your brother and sister? If you don't want to come to church anymore and submit to the watchman of your soul, then Don't! But don't be the reason that others do not come and others do not fulfill their obligations because you are behind the scene poisoning them with your personal toxins. Then you have the nerve to come out in the open and sit there with a smile on your face and act all holy and sanctimonious. (Proverbs 15:3) warns you, "The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good." God knows all. God sees all. God hears all. It's not about you anyway, it's all about Him!

No one is free from sin. The bible tells us that "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Your salvation is not a play thing. It is serious and it is life-threatening! Christ could return any minute. And if He did, what would He find you doing? Would you be about his father's business or would you be caught with dirty hands. Saints, God will not bless your mess! Ever wonder why you can never get ahead or why something is always happening to your family members, or why you can't seem to stay healthy? Think about what you are doing and saying when no one is around. Or so you think. God is looking for true worshippers. Worship is not just coming to church on Sunday. Worship is a lifestyle that begins in your heart. What condition is your heart really in? So as a man thinks in his heart, so is he.

Promise me going forward that however you deal with your sister and your brother let it be real! Say what you feel, but do it in love. Don't act one way in public and then speak another way in private. Pray and ask God to help you to remove the mask and to give you a clean heart so that you can worship Him in spirit and in truth. Until you do that, everything you do for Him is all in vain –your giving, your serving, your praise, your living, your loving, and your praying. I implore you today, whatever you do for the Master, let it be real!

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