Humble Yourself

#228 (also #53)

<u>Ecclesiastes 7:8</u> Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof: and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit

<u>patient</u> able to wait without becoming annoyed or anxious : be patient, your time will come.

• slow to lose one's temper with irritating people or situations: (he was always kindly, patient, and considerate.)

humble (humbler, humblest)

Having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's own importance: he was humble about his stature with the Lord - not spouting off about Drs, Churches etc.

Humbleness can also be PRIDE, everything has two ends, like a stick. on one end is arrogant pride and the other end is humble pride. An Example is the new Pope, he is very proud to be humble, he goes out of his way to SHOW he is humble. (thus Pride) Humility is a part of your character, not something you do to prove your humble.

Philippians 4:5* Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.

This above scripture is used by the majority of people as their guideline. They consider that holding the stick in the middle is moderation, and so they go through life making sure there choices and judgments are right in the middle. You know, they will not say that homosexuality is harmful or good, that abortion is the individuals choice and so is neither wrong or right, or your belief in Christ or the bible is up to your understanding as to what and how you should express ones self. As long as you don't offend the cults, homosexuals, muslims, governments and sinners in general. Half way is fence riding, and what does the bible say about that??

Revelation 3:15-16* I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because

thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

This reminds me of a story: Satan and the Lord were divvying up souls at the end time, and there was a fence in between them. Not a high fence but one that could be easily straddled with a comfortable top to sit on. Anyway there were multitudes on both side of the fence, with many sitting on the fence itself. Those that were on Satan's side of the fence were ushered on to a bus whose destination was HELL, those on the Lords side of the fence however, received a big hug from Jesus and were transported to HEAVEN. This all took a while but eventually Satan and his bunch were gone and the Lord along with the saints were all gone to.

The ones sitting on the fence watched all this, then begun to wonder what was in store for them, when all of a sudden Satan pulled up in his big bus, got out and started to look around, all the time checking his manifest.

One of the people on the fence said, you look like you lost something, and Satan said "Oh There You Are", get on the bus.

The person on the fence said oh no, you see we never chose your side of the fence nor the other side so you see were neutral. Satan replied, WHAT YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND is the fence is MINE AS WELL.

YOU SEE - Moderation is between the middle and the top of a situation, NOT at the MIDDLE

So much for your acceptance of political correctness and the idea of not offending someone else by testifying what the Gospel has done for you.

The carnal world says you have to be peaceful and not offend others. The BIBLE says:

Matthew 10:34* Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword.

Matthew 10:36* And a man's foes shall be they of his own household.

Now this in no ways means the Lord is instigating violence, but rather the Gospel is all about Love and peace and OVERCOMING evil. BUT to receive this love, peace and victory you have to believe that Jesus said.

John 14:6* Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

You see, if you do not believe that God the father sent his son Jesus to pay the price once and, for all mankind and reconcile us back to the same fellowship that Adam had with the father, before sin entered the world. Then you are most wretched and don't even know it.

Revelation 3:17* Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

If you have ask Jesus into your life OR told Jesus that you believe in him, then you are born again, which means your spirit is now alive and eternal. Again I say that you now have the same fellowship with God the father as Adam & Eve had in the garden of Eden.

When your born again, the Holy Spirit moves into your spirit and a third part of you is wall to wall, Holy Ghost and he don't go by how you FEEL. Your Five Natural senses cannot understand nor feel your spirit.

1Corinthians 6:19* What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

Your MIND is dominant in the carnal life, you know Taste, Hear, Smell, See and FEEL and the worst of these senses against the spirit is FEEL. You see the just shall live by FAITH not feelings, unfortunetly many Christians will not go to a meeting or read a book or something because it don't feel right. If your spirit makes you feel uneasy, he will ALWAYS back it up with the word of God.

Once your born again you need to renew your mind.

Romans 12:2* And be not conformed to this world: but be ye
transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may
prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of
God

How do you renew your mind? By reading Gods written word, along with asking the Lord to speak to you with the understanding he wants to reveal unto you, listen to preaching and have fellowship with other Christians.

If we are of a proud nature, it is hard to yield to the convictions of the Holy Spirit, You have to be willing to humble yourself and examine your life.

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