

What Does the Lord think about Flattery?

Matthew 19:17 And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments

The sinful nature of man craves to be recognized and uplifted, true some titles are necessary to explain the every day functions of life. Such as Police, police Chief, Sergeant, Corporal Private etc., each office has a certain responsibility they function in. The Government has President, Prime-minister, King or Queen to designate the form of ruling they have.

Matthew 8:9 For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.

This is an example of mans authority.

Man (sin) wants you to feel good about yourself, so the working world is full of titles. M.D., BS. MD, CEO., President of car pool, 23rd Vice president of the secretarial pool etc.

Get the picture ? Instead of a raise, they hand out a so called prestigious title and the world gobbles this up as it makes them feel good. In other words they butter you up and the bible warns about this.

Luke 6:26 Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets.

You see, the world will flatter you to death, but it really means didily squawt.

Ephesians 4:17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,

Now unfortunately the church follows the lead of the world, it has titles upon titles heaped upon the SO CALLED religious leaders. Like very reverend, or his eminent, or Dr. or some other title. For many many years a minister

or preacher or man of the cloth was called Reverend, which signified ones profession. Jesus warned about the difference between Gods way and mans way. The world wants to be Lord and master

Mark 9:35 And he sat down, and called the twelve, and saith unto them, If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all.

Luke 20:46 Beware of the scribes, which desire to walk in long robes, and love greetings in the markets, and the highest seats in the synagogues, and the chief rooms at feasts;

Matthew 23:8 But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren.

Matthew 23:10 Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ.

1Corinthians 4:6 And these things, brethren, I have in a figure transferred to myself and to Apollos for your sakes; that ye might learn in us not to think of men above that which is written, that no one of you be puffed up for one against another.

Now the bible does have callings listed for the church and they are.

1Corinthians 12:28 And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

Ephesians 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

John 13:13 Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am.

We are the ones that gave the title of the Apostle Paul, Peter or John ETC. IF you read the scripture it's always, I Paul an Apostle or I Peter an Apostle and so on. If it is after it is your trademark, calling, or profession in life. If it

is before, like Reverend or pastor or brother etc, it is a title. The lord new that PRIDE was a downfall of mankind so he said you are all brethren.

A title, flattery, buttering up, brings pride, but when we learn that a multitude of people use it for personal acceptance, financial gain or for favors. It becomes offensive to us, because we know the motives behind it.

Trust this sheds some light on the subject

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