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**Reality Check**

Galatians 1:9-10 As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed. (10) For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ. (KJV)

So you really need to ask yourself honestly, do I spend more time trying to please people or am I only concerned with being a servant of Christ? This is like a missile hitting one broadside, and will take one down if not dealt with.

Galatians 4:15-16 Where is then the blessedness ye spake of? for I bear you record, that, if it had been possible, ye would have plucked out your own eyes, and have given them to me. (16) Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth? (KJV)

Some of these people that you were close to in the past and thought were so godly? Yeah, as you continue on the path of life you will find that many are fickle, fair weather people who will jump ship when the going gets a bit rough. Just like the people who in our Lord’s day were saying hail to the king one week, only to follow with a call for His crucifixion the next week.

Romans 16:17-18 Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. (18) For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple. (KJV)

When you hear something that is not of the Lord are you willing to take a stand and walk away, or are you like many who just go with the flow and think that it is alright based on a large following? Seems like the bigger the ministries the bigger the lies, because it takes a lot to feed these monsters, which in reality is just a reflection of their inflated egos.

2 Corinthians 12:15 And I will very gladly spend and be spent for you; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved. (KJV)

Oh, but I want to be loved and accepted by everyone; well, you’re in the wrong place then, because the more you seek to please a God in heaven the less it will appeal to a fallen mankind.

Proverbs 27:5-6 Open rebuke is better than secret love. (6) Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful. (KJV)

I have seen organizations go belly up because of a lack of communication, where everyone is talking; the problem is that it is not to each other in a loving godly manner. If you have something to say, then say it face to face, and not behind their back all the time. Those things that you say when you are backbiting someone has a way of getting back to the person, and will cause more harm than good. So if it is something that you heard from the Lord then deal with it faithfully one on one, and not so cowardly when the one person that needs to hear it is not there.

Psalms 109:2-5 For the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of the deceitful are opened against me: they have spoken against me with a lying tongue. (3) They compassed me about also with words of hatred; and fought against me without a cause. (4) For my love they are my adversaries: but I give myself unto prayer. (5) And they have rewarded me evil for good, and hatred for my love. (KJV)

Still desiring to be used of our Lord and speak on His behalf. Well you need to read the fine print Church, the disclaimers if you would, to see what really happens to those that choose to please the Lord over man. Remember that verse about the days will come when they will call evil good and good evil, yeah we are living in it right now folks.

Luke 6:22-23 Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake. (23) Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy: for, behold, your reward is great in heaven: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets. (KJV)

Hey, want to take a leap of faith? Well, here is one Church, where you don’t take it personal when speaking on behalf of our Lord.