

**Life isn't Living,
Standing outside of the fire
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Life isn't living, standing outside of the fire. What do I mean by that, simply this; what will one do when faced with a difficult situation when confronted by those that do evil and sinful things contrary to the word of G-d. In our society today there is a part of the desire of some to pervert the things of G-d that have been cast in stone from the very foundation of this world.

G-d is looking for a few good men and women, those that will stand upright before Him committed to all His ways.

One might say that my life is what I make of it, good or bad, simple or complicated it's still my life to live any way that I choose. And in some regard that would be correct to say.

Sad part is many forget the one that created all life on earth.

We as adults can procreate and by biological means, a man and women (biological men and women) can have a combination of cells combine and over a 9 month period a baby is formed within the womb of the woman, and she gives birth to a child, something precious from G-d, and life begins for that child.

We as parents jump up and down patting ourselves on the back excited, we've created a child. We have brought a life into this world!

We are so proud of ourselves. Again for something good and pure we take all the credit.

Anything goes wrong, one might say why is G-d doing this to me.

Anyone whom has been a Christian longer than 5 minutes, has known the work and dedication, the commitment to follow in all of G-d's ways and the joy and happiness that one receives with G-d in our lives. Unfortunately we may also have to feel the pain and heartache that at times comes with that commitment.

Not from G-d, but from others that refuse to accept not only His ways but also our choice to submit ourselves to G-d. That pain may even come from one's children.

Our nation is being torn down by those that love evil and have become lawless.

We watch as others around us, whom are caught up in the ways of the world spin their desire to reject all that G-d has created and live a life that is not acceptable to G-d, and yet those that reject Him seem to always get that promotion at work the increase in pay and / or receive credit for a job well done that was fulfilled by another.

Hey, I get it life isn't fair it's not all sunshine and lollipops.

We see the sin in the lives of many that we ourselves by the grace and strength from G-d try to avoid at all times and yet those that live a life of hell seem to get all the breaks in this world.

Note; I said in this world. I'll let you ponder on that comment for a moment.

Sometimes we may come away with the thoughts and an attitude of why do I even try to do what is right. Is it really worth it. Many have considered doing what others have done to them and not caring about right or wrong.

But recall the story of The Rich man And Lazarus beginning in Luke 16:20.

The rich man had everything in the world money, food, clothing and more than likely was highly respected in the community of which he lived in. While Lazarus was dirt poor and would have eaten the crumbs from the rich man's table. Rich man had no concern of the condition of which Lazarus was in.

They both died at the same time but was placed in very different places after death. Rich man wanted a favor from G-d, what was G-d's answer?

Luke 16:25-26

25But Abraham answered, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things. But now he is comforted here, while you are in agony. **26**And besides all this, a great chasm has been fixed between us and you, so that even those who wish cannot cross from here to you, nor can anyone cross from there to us.'

Regardless that others do things of which they think are hidden, G-d see's it all. The good, the bad and the ugly.

How, as a Christian are we to interact with those that could care less about the words of G-d.

And it seems that their numbers grow everyday and yet some swear still to be Christians. Their just more tolerant and accepting of others that live lifestyles and have different views concerning G-d.

Again; your truth isn't my truth. If you haven't been told that, just wait you'll hear it.

In times past if one who stated that they were a Christian, (and many do) were seen as rejecting or perverting the ways of G-d, they may very well have been corrected by those within the church leadership. Problem back then was that some of the early church leadership was just as bad with breaking the commandments of G-d as would be one of the attendees. Today we see much of the same from some church leadership and or those within the congregations.

Research the United Methodist Church. **May 1, 2024 4:12 pm**. In a vote at the church's General Conference, which tallied 692-51, by those that had church authority given by man to make decisions, saw the church remove its ban on "self-avowed practicing homosexuals" from serving in the church as ordained or appointed ministers.

"With the approvals and acceptance of the things today by the General Conference, we're beginning to see the unwinding, unraveling, dismantling of the hetero sexism, the homophobia, the hurt, and the harm of The United Methodist Church," said Rev. David Meredith, a gay and retired elder.

692 to 51 of those in leadership within the UMC voted to do this, rewriting the word of G-d of what leadership is of teaching to their congregations. Evidently they have willingly ignored what is written

in Revelation 22:18-19. They are reserving and insuring their personal spot in hell.

Pastor Don spoke of the low attendance of congregations within our churches today, why?

Is walking in the ways of G-d that difficult or restrictive?

Is being truthful and moral a bad thing?

Or is it taking up too much of our time to give back to G-d for the gift He has given us.

Or were those that left their churches upset with the leadership from within and made the decision to leave. If you were attending the United Methodist Church you should be. Run don't walk away from that cesspool.

Did the opinions and or rules to attend a church service according to the attitudes of leadership turn many away from G-d.

At one time there was an almost desperate attempt to justify dictatorial attitudes by the church leaders. St. Clement from the early church of Rome (which we know as the Catholic church), justified this by claiming that; Is.60:17 applied to the church: "I will make your overseers peace, and your taskmasters righteousness".

And so he reasoned that church leaders could never be anything other than right, and could be taskmasters over the church. (Crack that whip baby, bring those sinners to their knees and make them beg for forgiveness.) My words not his. However, Clement led the church to organize itself on the basis of Roman army administration- into districts [dioceses] administered by an overseer [bishop]. These autocratic leaders came to define every deviation from their views as 'heretical'.

What has happened here?

Bad leadership (man) is redefining the moral standards handed down to him by G-d, those that are to speak the truth to others. Truth that is spoken by those that G-d holds to a higher standard than others and yet they pervert His commandments and ways. Causing others to die to sin. My people parish for lack of knowledge.

The church became a one party state. Freedom of thought and personal belief on even minor matters was outlawed. Questioning was not allowed. Tertullian (one of the early church's greatest theologian and apologists) advised bishops not to allow the congregation to ask questions, for "it is questions that make people heretics".

Consider these quotations from his Prescription Against Heretics and reflect whether this extreme attitude has parallels with some of our churches today: "They say (those in the congregations) that we must ask questions in order to discuss. But what is there to discuss? Believers must dismiss all argument over scriptural interpretation; such controversy only has the effect of upsetting the stomach or the brain... if you do discuss with them, the effect on the spectators will be to make them uncertain which side is right... the person in doubt will be confused by the fact that he sees you making no progress".

Very diplomatically put by someone that does not want to be questioned on their interpretation. He might as well just simply stated; sit down, shut up and do what I tell you to do.

Whom would be willing to step into that problem with a totalitarian pastor or pope. Or another congregant with wrong thinking of good and evil.

Speaking out against others, not only non-believers but also those within the leadership of the church of their conduct and their own self proclaimed views of G-d can and will create trouble with those that one may disagree with.

It will definitely cause a fire storm within a church and also with those that have no faith in anything or anyone apart from themselves and their own views of religion.

Are you prepared to step into the fire and do battle with those that have a perverted view of G-d and scripture.

If not!

How will you live your life with those that disrespect your faith and relationship with the one and only living G-d. Your values of right and wrong, your morality according to G-d's scripture.

One can play it safe, and remain silent and just go along with whatever they want and you may survive the carnage of physical and emotional pain. But is that what G-d expects of you or of His people. Just go along with whatever, even if it is not the truth nor of His ways.

1 Timothy 2:1-3

1First of all, then, I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgiving be offered for everyone— **2**for kings and all those in authority— so that we may lead tranquil and quiet lives in all godliness and dignity. **3**This is good and pleasing in the sight of God our Savior.

Are we being instructed from 1 Timothy 2:1-3 to be wimps, to just give in to those that will do things and say things that are contrary to the word of G-d and just pray for anyone and everyone no matter what evil they create! Absolutely not.

We are being instructed to pray, petition, intercede and give thanks for all those upholding the foundations of G-d and His ways and to be there for a brother or sister that may be struggling with sin.

As the children of G-d we were not put here for this time to accept pagan, perverted action and thoughts, even if they come from woke and sinful people including those that are pastors, Popes, etc, they are the children of Satan.

Proverbs 25:4-5

4Remove the dross from the silver, and a vessel for a silversmith will come forth.

5Remove the wicked from the king's presence, and his throne will be established in righteousness.

Let me give you my interpretation of those two verses.

You may not agree with me, but that's okay I guarantee I will not call you a heretic.

I have been given a voice, a duty to bring the word of G-d to all that ask of me. To share His gift of love, repentance, forgiveness, and the gift of salvation, with all who seek Him humbly and faithfully and to have the same love for others(my neighbors) as myself and speak the truth to them.

And to stand against wickedness, no matter what the cost to me.

Have you been witness to any wickedness lately? If not please let me know where your sanctuary is that is so well hidden nothing gets in.

Each of us at one time or another have spoken these words; surround yourself with like minded people.

There are a lot of social media platforms one can go to and see where those who strive to do wickedness, chaos, perversions of all kinds appear to be flourishing, abundantly. How! Simple answer, they are of like mind.

They applaud each other for being lawless, and the more wicked and lawless one is the better they like it.

Those same social platforms do their best in silencing those that speak of G-d's truth.

We as G-d's people are to be like minded in bringing G-d's message to the world and yet in our own nation; G-d fearing, bible believing Christians are at an all time low. And many are hiding their G-d given ability to take G-d's gospel to others and to stand up and speak the truth.

How many men and women of G-d, have given up in fighting the good fight due to threats of losing their jobs, relationships, business's and even being rejected by their own children if they didn't submit to the woke cancel culture today.

Christians, people of faith used to be able to speak of their faith with G-d at home, work, school even within bars and pool halls without the fear of being shamed or worse yet assaulted.

Today one has to stop and consider; if I speak of G-d in any way other than a form of swearing I'm going to be in trouble. What is one to do.

Diversity, inclusion, equity, we hear those words a lot today. What do those words mean, that's simple to answer also. It means to destroy G-d's foundations and people to create hell on earth.

We see pastors in their churches that are open to same sex marriages, denouncing homosexuality, lesbian, and transgender as not being a sin.

Matthew 7:15

15Beware of false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. **16**By their fruit you will recognize them. Are grapes gathered from thorn bushes, or figs from thistles? **17**Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. **18**A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. **19**Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. **20**So then, by their fruit you will recognize them. **21**Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of My Father in heaven.... **22**Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' **23** Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you workers of lawlessness!'

Even pastors, reverends, bishops and others within authority of their church's and synagogues will be in the lake of fire. Those that are of pagan worship will be keeping them company.

It's not enough to talk the talk and fake the walk, one must walk in faith and truth in the will of G-d, not their own perverted ways so that man will accept them.

There are organizations forcing mothers and fathers with arrest and prison time if they don't allow the state to change their child's gender, or stop teaching their children in the ways of G-d, and prosecutors in these states are on board with it.

Abortion wasn't enough for the wicked, now they surgically change children to the point of committing suicide as adults later in life after convincing them that they are something else other than what G-d created them to be.

Romans 1:18-32 tells us what G-d has decided for those that continue to live in sin and commit evil, and yet show that verse to a non – believer and they will laugh at you. Their choice.

Like I said, I get it. I would like to come to each and every Sabbath of our Lord and have fun and hear a real good, feel good message. Just hear about the love of our G-d for us and the salvation we can and have received for what our Lord took upon Himself so that we are here together today.

But this is our time that we have been put here on earth, to do what we have been trained to do by G-d's will and authority on our lives. We can no longer stand outside of the fires that are burning and idly stand by expecting someone else to take up the sword of truth for us.

G-d has supplied each and every one of us with His armor and word to do battle against all kinds of evil. The choice we must make today, will we stand inside the fire and do battle or stand outside of it and watch the world burn. Our choice. So I close with this.

May your days be blessed forever and always, may you ask for the strength, knowledge and truth to speak to others, the courage to stand against evil and encourage others to follow in all His ways. Amen and Amen.

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