

Straight Message for a Strait Way

If we are going to be faithfully, sincerely and honestly righteous to abide in an absolute God's standard of truth, our message to our society and generation must always be straight for a strait way as touching every sphere of life. We must prioritize straight message as concerning every lifestyle otherwise we would lose Christian heritage and values for other dead religions and faith. This is it; however you delineate or call your faith, is how people will delineate or call it. I want to cite an example here, if truly God's kingdom message is what is paramount in our hearts, we would have had the concern to intervene for a change and resolve the privilege that permits and gives rights to any muslim female gender to cover or uncover her head as she likes in any of the thirty-six states zonal immigration offices to be accessible and equally given to Christian female gender supposedly when taking photographs for the international passport. I am saying this that Christian female gender should have been given much more privilege and rights.

Considering the harm, each of the religious faith is doing to an individual and the society at large. What an irony for things to be in an opposite direction. This is not limited to government parastals only but also cuts across every private sector. I am saying this because there was a day in 2011, I went with my wife to the Festac immigration passport office for the renewal of her international passport. We got there and she was asked to join the queue, there were a few number of muslim women ahead of her in the queue. As the queue was moving, it was her turn to come in, only to be asked to remove her head scarf which she protested that she is a Christian and her faith enjoined her to cover her head anywhere outside as she was protesting to defend her faith, I overheard the conversation and I waded in to intervene on the matter. I said a lot of things to convince them of the ethics of Christian faith regarding headcovering and two immigration officers told me that except my wife will chose to be a muslim and cover her head like a muslim and I said God forbid my wife will never be a muslim so as to cover her head and they said, that is all.

It is only muslims that are given such privilege and rights in every government parastatal and I asked, when was it ever constitutional and the reply was that, it was never constitutional, but (jumuaat-I-hulamaau) the islamic society scholars of Nigeria demanded and required such an awareness and honour of islamic values and moral standards to be conferred on them in the society. To this conversation, one of the Christian immigration officers said that was it not when the women were in the presence of God they should cover their heads and I replied, is there any specific time that a woman will not want to be in the presence of God, that he has to know there are two environment of presence where a man or a woman should always be in life, it is either God's environment of presence or devil's environment of presence. Whose fault could this be then government, muslims or christians? I am telling you, it is neither government nor muslims fault. I want you to see government as an entity of a house that is made available for everyone who will sincerely, honestly and faithfully have the willingness, tenacity, determination, dedication, committment and focus to possess and occupy.

It is all because we have turned the blind eye and shied away from our God's given divine responsibilities to outrightly, shamelessly and fearlessly come out openly and publicly to defend, protect, guide and hold in high esteem with special recognition our Christian faith, heritage and values. There has been failure to be in agreement with these following verses of the Word of God to propel and guide us. Mark 8:38 says "whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my Words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when He cometh in the glory of His Father with the holy angels". Romans 1:16a & 17a says "for I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; for therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith". 1 Corinthians 2:2 also says "for I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified".

Dissecting and digesting all these, you can have the true knowledge of the concern, worry, commitment, dedication and focus of the Christians, that they are no longer primarily, significantly, sincerely, faithfully and honestly the heart beating worry of God's assignment or business as it were. As I have been led by the Spirit of God to scripturally see things beyond the borderline of the flesh, that most of what we are nowadays worshipping, honouring and celebrating pretentiously as Christians are nothing of God's heritage, interest and values but western heritage, values and self interest which has completely hedonistically westernized Christianity out of it's true value and heritage apart from the self interest of being materialistically minded that is also rampant almost in every member of the body of Christ. All of which has given the muslims the illegal ground of calling the christians, al-kafirun, meaning the infidels and the name of the Lord being always evil spoken of because the great number of christians today in the name of worshipping and serving God have been completely out and diverged from the strait gate and narrow way of eternal life into the wide gate and broad way of eternal destruction.

As it is written in Matthew 7:13-14 which says "enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: because strait is the gate and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it" and the two reasons for these are the western interpolations and false prophet invasions which you will find in 2 Peter 2:1-3 "but there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not". You can see the two reasons now the false teaching hedonistic of westernization into Christianity and the invasion of materialistically minded false prophets also into Christianity.

Those are the wide gates and broad ways that huge number of people are celebrating today as against the strait gate and narrow way of everlasting life which are only being located with a few number of people. Let Matthew 7:21-23 continue to ring the bell of God's perfect will of message

in your heart, soul and mind. As you go through this message, you will discover where you have been dissuaded and you will have the grace to correct and amend, don't forget Jesus usual reason of laying emphasis on many is always for those who are journeying into everlasting destruction contrary from His usual laying an emphasis on few that are on the right way to everlasting life. Therefore, Jesus said in the book of Matthew 22:14 "for many are called, but few are chosen". I pray that you and I, wherever you are, to adjust, amend and correct our ways, God's abundant mercy and grace will perpetually be upon us to be among the few that will be chosen as candidates of everlasting life in Jesus mighty name, amen and amen. Till another time on this same platform for more of God's heart beating, touching and timeless messages through the golden pen of the Holy Spirit and ink blood of Jesus Christ altogether in a two-edged sword of the Word of God to every creature. Thank you. Shalom.

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