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The Biblical Heart



Like the physical heart, the Spiritual heart has four chambers. To be saved so one can see God, one must have a pure heart. After all, the sacrifice that God accepts is a broken and contrite heart. **Psalms 51:17**

The heart contains our **INTELLECT**, for one reasons with the heart – **Luke 5:22**, "But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answering said unto them, What **reason ye in your hearts?**"

Our heart also contains our **EMOTIONS** – **Matthew 22:37**, "Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt **love the Lord thy God with all thy heart**, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind."

Our heart also contains our **WILL**, for it is our heart that purposes or wills – **2 Corinthians 9:7**, "Every man according as he **purposeth in his heart**, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver."

And our heart also has our **CONSCIENCE** for our heart condemns us – **1 John 3:20**, "For if **our heart condemn us**, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things."

So it is necessary for our intellect, emotions, will, and conscience to be changed to be pure so we may see God – **Matthew 5:8**, "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God."

The plan of salvation is required to change all four of these functions of the Spiritual heart.

When we hear and believe we come to believe in Jesus so it changes our **INTELLECT** – **Romans 10:17**, "So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

This guides us to change our **EMOTIONS** because "We love Him because he first loved us." - **1 John 4:19**.

Likewise, our **WILL** is changed when we come to believe and love Jesus. We are pricked in our hearts and we will to obey Him as we are so pricked in our hearts we repent – **Acts 2:37-38**, "37 Now when they heard *this*, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men *and* brethren, what shall we do? 38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

When we gladly receive the Word, we are baptized and we receive the remission of sins and the Holy Spirit and the result is a good conscience toward God. **1 Peter 3:21**, "The like figure whereunto *even* baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:"

We are added to those who are saved. **Acts 2:41, 47b** "41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added *unto them* about three thousand souls. 47bAnd the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."

The heart thus purified, we can expect to see God. This agrees with **Romans 6:17-18**, "17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have **obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine** (death, burial, resurrection) **which was delivered you**. 18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness."

So it is true that He purifies our hearts when we obeyed the truth, etc. **1 Peter 3:22**, "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see *that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently*:"

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There's More to Matthew 18 Than "The Offended"

--Submitted

Matthew 18:15-17, "15 Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. 16 But if he will not hear *thee*, *then* take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. 17 And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell *it* unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican."

We may have read this passage many times, or been taught throughout the years, that **Matthew 18** gives us instruction what we, as Christians, are to do if/when we have been offended by another Christian.

This passage was not given to "bash" or give a good lashing to another brother/sister-in-Christ, but rather it is God's desire for restoration of personal relationships and to keep peace. It is a way to keep us from becoming bitter and dishonoring our commitment to "love one another". **John 13:34-35, John 15:12**

We are told what the one who has been offended is to do... go privately to the person who has offended you – between you and them only and try to restore the peace and understanding. If you do, you have gained your brother/sister. Yet - there's more to that passage we must follow.

Let's create an example of two men. One is Bill and the other is Jared. Bill feels he has been offended by Jared and is in a situation where he is unable to just forgive and forget. What are the duties involved to help restore these two brothers-in-Christ as given by **Matthew 18**?

BILL (THE OFFENDED)

Bill is to go to Jared first, just between him and Jared and discuss privately and let him know why he felt offended. Bill is not to tell other friends or go to the leaders and have them handle the situation.

Bill would be sinning against Jared if he does not practice this first step and privately discuss the situation to resolve the conflict.

If Jared does not listen, Bill is to take two or three witnesses. If Jared repents, Bill has gained his brother and peace is restored.

JARED (THE ALLEGED OFFENDER)

Jared's duty is to allow Bill to discuss with him what the offense against him may be. Bill may have a valid reason for feeling offended or it could be a misunderstanding. This talk would allow both to discuss what occurred.

If Jared agrees he was in the wrong and says he is sorry, Bill has gained his brother and peace has been restored.

By not listening to Bill, or trying to work out the problem Jared will:

1. Cause Bill to become angry or bitter.
2. Dishonor God's command to help restore his relationship with Bill.
3. Put other Christians in situations they may not want to be in since they may be called to be a witness in the follow-up call.
4. Cause disunity in the rest of the body of Christ.
5. Cause his own broken relationship with God.

WITNESSES

Verse 16, "But if he will not hear *thee*, *then take with thee one or two more*, that in the mouth of **two or three witnesses** every word may be established."

Should Bill not be able to resolve the problem, he is to take two or three witnesses with him. He may ask for your assistance to be one of his witnesses. The purpose is that "every word can be established".

With your help and the other witnesses, the problem is discussed towards resolution. There may be something you say that could assist either Bill or Jared in resolving the offense and peace can be restored. If not, you will have a testimony in the future of what was said or occurred in the meeting.

I've had some people refuse to go as witnesses for various reasons. Yet, it is our duty to assist in being a witness in these situations to help fulfill God's command. We are responsible for helping to keep peace between a brother/sister in Christ. "Blessed *are* the peacemakers: for they are called the children of God." **Matthew 5:9**

THE CHURCH

Verse 17a, "And if he shall neglect to hear them, **tell it unto the church:....**"

If taking witnesses does not bring resolution, Bill must tell it to the Church. The Church leaders need to be aware, as well as the body of Christ, so they will know that Bill has tried to bring resolution and peace but to no avail. This helps to keep out gossip and campaigning which can bring damage to the body or to the one who is trying to restore the relationship and seeking Godly resolution.

By letting the Church know, will help the wrongdoer repent and turn to wanting to right their wrong.

The Church should back the leadership in their decision, as well as the offended brother or sister (who has desired to set a disagreement right). If we don't do this, then the Church is causing Jared to believe he was in the right.

It causes division if the Church does not stay together in this decision and can embolden Jared to spread lies or gossip to get people on his side.

THE LEADERS AND CHURCH BODY

Verse 17b, "but if he neglect to hear the church, **let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican**"

Jared is to be treated as a heathen and a publican. This follow-up is for the Church body, as well as the leaders of that congregation. Our responsibility is to treat Jared as a sinner who needs to be disciplined so he can be convicted in his conscience of his wrongdoing and not to let sin spread within the Church to others. **Galatians 5:9**, "A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump."

Leaders should remove Jared from any office he is holding, classes he is teaching, committee seats he may hold, etc. Heathens and non-Christians are not given these positions, neither should an unrepentant sinner be in a capacity where they have others following them or influential positions. Jared is to know that his actions, in not wanting restoration with Bill, is a sin and ungodly.

As the Church body – we should honor the leadership's decision for discipline should Jared refuse to be reconciled with Bill. Failure for either to let **Matthew 18** be practiced is rebellion to Christ.

THE UNSPOKEN PARTIES:

The passage in **Matthew 18** also shows one more category of people with a responsibility, should it occur even though it is not worded, but is just as important. This unspoken party would be the Christians outside of the offense. This could be Bill's friend, family member, or his Church leader(s).

Bill goes to a friend, family member, or Church leader in confidence and bares his burden of Jared's alleged offense. If you were not the offender, and Bill comes to you without first resolving the offense with Jared, don't be a "go-between" and try to handle the situation. This will cause further ill-will between the two men and leaves out the alleged offender (Jared) from the solution. Remember, Jared may be innocent.

Jared would have no idea that there was a problem and would be quite embarrassed or become angry if others knew about it without him being given the opportunity to make restoration with Bill.

Instruct Bill to follow the pattern set in **Matthew 18:15**; to first go to Jared and resolve it privately. Do not get involved any further and don't listen to Bill's words of frustration or discontent. At this point you are aware that Bill has a concern. Pray with him and encourage him to honor God's plan. God may use the "unspoken parties" as a means to help restore Bill and Jared's relationship.

If Bill is new in the body of Christ, or does not wish to confront Jared in person, instruct Bill to write a confidential letter to be given to Jared. It will give written proof of what Bill's words were to Jared and of his attempt to restore their relationship.

Again, this helps to keep gossip and campaigning from spreading and any unnecessary ill-will in the family of God. It takes teamwork and family love to help one another follow **Matthew 18**. If we don't, we are sinning against Jared in not helping Bill follow God's plan for restoration.

FINAL WORDS:

This is just a sample scenario for how **Matthew 18** should be practiced. It reveals that all the responsibility does not lie with just the offended Christian. The whole body of Christ may have to be involved to help bring peace and restoration.

Put yourself in each one of the categories above and understand how you would feel or wish to be treated, should that be you.

Of course, there are some in the body of Christ who have a very difficult time dis-fellowshipping another, especially if their nature is to be an encourager and are soft-hearted. Yet it is NOT love if we do not follow God's method of restoration – we are not in full understanding of God's true love.

Many have a difficult time with confrontations or even discipline. This is understandable, but we all must trust in God on how He wants His children disciplined. After all, He knows more than we do because He is the author of peace.

I've often witnessed that the one who was offended (Bill), and only wanting to reconcile in peace with the offender (Jared), is the one whom other Christians look down upon and sided with the one who was the offender (Jared). Many times this is because the offender (Jared) tells others to get people on "their side" or "feel sorry for them" when they know they have done wrong. This is unscriptural and causes unnecessary divisions, heartaches, and Church splits.

The offended (Bill) should not be considered "the culprit" if wishing to restore relationships. It's to help keep him (Bill) from becoming bitter by setting things right and prevents the offender (Jared) from hurting others.

So, as you see, there is more to **Matthew 18:15-17** than the one who was offended. There's the offender, the Church, the Leaders and the Church body, the unspoken parties, as well as the offended.

God has set each of us with a duty to be aware of the order in this passage and how our actions are just as important on what we do to remain in the Will of God in bringing restoration and peace in the Body of Christ.

Remember **Romans 12:10**, "Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;"

INSIGHT INTO BIBLE TRUTH #249

"NOR IN JERUSALEM"

--by David Vaughn Elliott

"Nor in Jerusalem" jumped off the page during my morning devotions the other day. Not that I wasn't well acquainted with the verse already.

But it struck me anew: prophetic, poignant, and personal. An unnamed woman had a concern we all should have; correct worship. Jesus told her, "An hour is coming when neither in this mountain *nor in Jerusalem* will you worship the Father... God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." (**John 4:21-24**).

Jerusalem is arguably the most revered, as well as the most contested, city in the world. There will be no peace accord between Israel and the Palestinians without an agreement on Jerusalem. Jews, Muslims, and various branches of Christianity maintain holy sites within Jerusalem's walls.

Jesus said, "Nor in Jerusalem."

The Jerusalem that Jesus referred to is not the huge spread of modern Jerusalem. Rather, it is a tiny area within modern Jerusalem that is surrounded by walls and called "The Old City."

That's the Jerusalem of which Jesus visited and spoke. That's the contested Jerusalem with various holy sites. That's the Jerusalem of this Insight.

Covering only 220 acres, the Old City is smaller than the National Mall in Washington, DC. The Old City is about one-fourth the size of Central Park in New York City. So tiny, yet so important.

Jerusalem Before Jesus

To appreciate the astounding nature of Jesus' remark, we must go back 1,500 years before Jesus...to Moses.

Jesus told the unnamed Samaritan woman, "We [Jews] worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews". (**John 4:22**)

From the time of Moses, the Jews had been taught the correct way to worship God. The first four of the Ten Commandments directly relate to worship of God. So also does the tabernacle, for which God gave Moses detailed instructions.

Many lessons are wrapped up in the tabernacle, but we are only concerned here with its location. Obviously, being a tent-like structure, it was made to be set up and dismantled over and over again as the Israelites wandered in the wilderness for forty years.

But there would be a day when that temporary system would cease. God told Moses, "You shall seek the Lord at the place which the Lord your God will choose from all your tribes, to establish His name there for His dwelling, and there you shall come. There you shall bring your burnt offerings, your sacrifices." (**Deuteronomy 12:5-6**)

Ten times in Deuteronomy, emphasis is placed on worship in the Promised Land at the place God would choose.

Fast forward 500 years to King Solomon.

Solomon built a magnificent permanent temple in Jerusalem. At the great dedication ceremony when Solomon had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the Lord filled the house.

The priests could not enter into the House of the Lord because the glory of the Lord filled the Lord's house...

Then the Lord appeared to Solomon at night and said to him, "I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place for Myself as a house of sacrifice". (**2 Chron. 7:1-2, 12**)

Jerusalem thus became sacred to the Jews. No city could be compared to it. It was there they sacrificed. It was there they met God.

Years later, when Jerusalem was devastated by the Babylonians under Nebuchadnezzar, the Jews in captivity were devastated emotionally.

"By the Rivers of Babylon," a pop song in the 1970's and 1980's, was taken from a portion of **Psalms 137**: "By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down and wept, when we remembered Zion [Jerusalem]... there our captors demanded of us songs... saying, 'Sing us one of the songs of Zion.' How can we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land? If I forget you, O Jerusalem, may my right hand forget her skill. May my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember you, if I do not exalt Jerusalem above my chief joy." With such a background, Jesus dared to say, "Nor in Jerusalem."

Jesus' View of Jerusalem

It is God who, with fire, glory, and spoken word, clearly showed the Jews that the temple in Jerusalem was the place He had chosen for His worship. That's why Jesus could tell the Samaritan woman that the Samaritans were wrong and the Jews were right about the worship of God, "You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews". (**John 4:22**)

But just before that, Jesus said what would be astounding to any Jew, "An hour is coming when neither in this mountain *nor in Jerusalem* will you worship the Father". (**vs. 21**)

The exact place God himself had chosen would no longer be the place to worship Him. Jesus was challenging 1,000 years of Jewishness. One thousand years of what almighty God himself had ordained.

Jesus loved Jerusalem; Jesus wept over Jerusalem. During the Triumphal Entry when He approached Jerusalem, He saw the city and wept over it, saying, "If you had known in this day, even you, the things which make for peace! But now they have been hidden from your eyes. For the days will come upon you when your enemies will throw up a barricade against you, and surround you and hem you in on every side, and they will level you to the ground and your children within you, and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not recognize the time of your visitation". (**Luke 19:41-44**)

Jesus thus predicted Jerusalem's total destruction, which would become world history just forty years later. And there is a great difference between the former destruction of Jerusalem and the temple by the Babylonians and the coming destruction by the Romans under Titus in A.D. 70.

In the former case, there was a promise of rebuilding after 70 years. In the latter case, there is no such promise or prediction.

Jerusalem After Jesus

It was God who chose the temple in Jerusalem. It was God who revoked that choice when His Son died on Calvary. The moment Jesus died "behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth shook and the rocks were split" (**Matthew 27:51**).

The veil separated the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place. With Jesus' death and shed blood for our sins, the whole old system was done away. "We have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh." (**Hebrews 10:19-20**) Jesus replaced the old way. That is why He could declare, "Nor in Jerusalem."

In Solomon's time, God had sent fire from heaven to authenticate the worship at the temple in Jerusalem. However, forty years after tearing the veil in two, God sent the Romans to physically wipe the temple from off the face of the earth. It has never been rebuilt, even though attempts have been made.

In A.D. 132, Bar-Cochba led a Jewish uprising, reconquering Jerusalem, intending to rebuild the temple. However, Emperor Hadrian's top commander crushed the revolt. Bar-Cochba was slain, and it was all over. A new idolatrous city, Aelia Capitolina, was built on Jerusalem's ruins. Jews were forbidden to enter Jerusalem upon pain of death. They could only look from afar on each anniversary of Bar-Cochba's defeat.

In A.D. 361, Rome acquired a new emperor, Julian, called "the Apostate". As an avowed enemy of Christianity, he had allies in the Jews. "Rebuild the temple," ordered the emperor. Jews flocked to Jerusalem, opened their purses, and rolled up their sleeves. Julian provided great sums of money and assigned one of his ministers to take charge.

Their first job was to clear the debris. The Jews were enthralled. But what's that? Fire! They fled. Horrible balls of fire broke out near the foundations. The fire died down. Back to work. Fire again, and again, and again. They could not continue. The work was abandoned.

Shortly after, Julian was slain in battle just 18 months after taking office. It was all over. The fire? Some say it was a miracle; some say it was natural. In any case, it is a fact of history attested to by both Christian and pagan contemporary sources. (See Edward Gibbon's *Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, Chap. 23, Part 3).

Neither the rebel Bar-Cochba, nor the Emperor Julian, could frustrate Jesus' solemn prediction: "Nor in Jerusalem."

Jerusalem Today

Since the Six-Day War in 1967, the Jews have been back in Jerusalem. And the temple? For over thirteen centuries, the Muslim Dome of the Rock has been on the former temple site.

Jews believe that if the temple is to be rebuilt, it can only be built on the exact spot where it stood before. If you know anything about Middle East politics, you know that Israel does not dare touch the Dome of the Rock. Thus, Jews continue to this day without the place of worship that God had chosen.

All that Jews have today is a portion of the Western Wall often called "the Wailing Wall". Some mistakenly think this is a surviving wall of the temple. Rather, it is a portion of the retaining wall that held up a level area upon which the temple was built.

The Wailing Wall is today the most holy place for the Jews. Filled with lament. Filled with hopes. And filled with paper prayers.

Not only Jews, but people of many religions write prayers and place them in the cracks of the wall. The concept is that the wall is the closest that people can get to God. More than a million prayers are placed in the wall every year. Twice a year they are cleaned out, bagged, and buried. What a vain and superstitious attempt to reach God!

On the temple mount, the Dome of the Rock not only stands in the way of Jewish aspirations for rebuilding their temple, it is an open attack upon Jesus Christ. Arabic inscriptions on the walls repeatedly attack Jesus. Here is a direct quote from an Islamic web site which reproduces

the inscriptions in Arabic and provides the English translation: "*There is no god but God. He is One. He has no associate... O People of the Book! Do not exaggerate in your religion nor utter aught concerning God save the truth. The Messiah, Jesus son of Mary, was only a Messenger of God, and His Word which He conveyed unto Mary, and a spirit from Him. So believe in God and His messengers, and say not 'Three' - Cease! (it is) better for you! - God is only One God. Far be it removed from His transcendent majesty that He should have a son.*" A frontal attack on Jesus in the same city that cried, "Crucify him!"

Then there are the "Christian" holy places in Jerusalem today. The main attraction is the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. The main owners/custodians of the complex are the Greek Orthodox, the Armenian Orthodox, and the Roman Catholic churches.

On display is the stone of anointing, a limestone slab commemorative of the supposed slab upon which Jesus' dead body was prepared for burial. Pilgrims kneel around it to pray, rub their hands on it, and kiss it.

There is the purported rock of Golgotha, which can be seen through glass. At the top of it under an altar, there is a silver plate with a hole through which you can extend your hand to touch the rock.

There is the purported tomb of Joseph of Arimathea, the prison where Jesus was held, a piece of the stone rolled away by the angels, Jesus' tomb itself, and much more. It is full of images, burning candles, and altars with masses celebrated daily.

Should I mention that under the place of crucifixion is Adam's burial place and that Jesus' blood ran down into the ground and into Adam's skull? House of superstition, myth, and idolatry!

"Nor in Jerusalem," said Jesus. "Worship in spirit and truth," said Jesus. Before Jesus, Jerusalem was God's dwelling place on earth. Jesus' trial, crucifixion, and resurrection took place in and just outside Jerusalem.

The true Gospel began in Jerusalem less than two months later. Jerusalem was the center of the Gospel for many years. In A.D. 70, all that was terminated dramatically. Jerusalem is no longer "the Holy City". It is no longer God's dwelling place on earth. There may be some "worship in spirit and truth" somewhere within the walls of the Old City of Jerusalem today, but it would be hard to find. In its place is superstition, myth, idolatry, unbelief, and outright denial of Jesus being the Son of God.

Jerusalem is no longer the place to worship God. We must seek Him in spirit and truth through Jesus Christ who is the Truth, no matter where we dwell on this planet.

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The Commands of God Concerning “The Faith”

--by Kendall Faulk

These commands concerning “the faith” are worthy of serious thought.

The negative commands disprove the tentets of Calvinism for they show that you can leave, depart, error from, deny, turn away from, shipwreck, the faith on the one hand and warns us of what we need to do with the faith. This, too is opposite of Calvinism which says you cannot be lost once saved.

These Scriptures are to Christians and irrefutably prove that we must be nourished up in the faith.

Colossians 2:7, “Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.”

1 Timothy 4:6, “If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained.”

WE SHOULD NOT:

Deny the Faith

1 Timothy 5:8, “But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.”

Turn Away from the Faith

Matthew 24:10, “At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other.” (NIV)

Depart from the Faith

1 Timothy 4:1, “Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;”

Error from the Faith

1 Timothy 6:10, “For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.”

1 Timothy 6:21, “Which some professing have erred concerning the faith. Grace *be* with thee. Amen.”

2 Timothy 2:18, “Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some.”

Shipwrecked the Faith

1 Timothy 1:19, “Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck:”

WE SHOULD:

Be Obedient to the Faith

Acts 6:7, “And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.”

Romans 1:5, “By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name:”

Examine Ourselves Whether We are in the Faith

2 Corinthians 13:5, “Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?”

Stand Firm in the Faith

1 Corinthians 16:13, “Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.”

Keep Hold of the Faith

1 Timothy 3:9, “Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.”

Remain in the Faith

Acts 14:22, “Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.”

Fight the Good Fight of Faith

1 Timothy 6:12, “Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.”

2 Timothy 4:7, “I have fought a good fight, I have finished *my* course, I have kept the faith:”

Contend for the Faith

Jude 1:3, “Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort *you* that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.”



Kids Don't Know this is NOT Normal



Preacher

Many Preachers today say they want to be "Relevant". "A Regular Joe". "One of the Crowd"! "Non-threatening" or "Non-intimidating".

Below are men at their occupations who have not yet learned to be "influential" or "relevant"! Can you imagine these men looking like they had just been to the dump to empty their trash?

Yet many Preachers, representing the King of Kings, do this very thing even though the Gospel is the most important message in the World!



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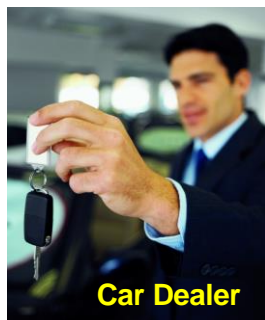
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