

# RESTORATION MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL

## Prophetic Insight

6/30/2020 “Therefore we must pay much more careful heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away”

### Jesus’s Measure Of A Man Begins With Humility

Dear friends in Christ Jesus our Lord,

In our *Stay Out Of The Manure Pile* videos Mike has been focusing on helping men be prepared to serve as leaders within a home fellowship family. His emphasis for preparation has been their relationship with *the little children* within a fellowship family — something which few western men consider necessary for Christ-like leadership. Children perceive Jesus according to the character and love they receive from adults they trust. Yet contemporary culture despises the humility it takes for leaders to come alongside children as Jesus would in a fellowship family. How different our Lord’s parameters for servant leadership are from those of the world system — which is why those who are *called out* of that system must discern and practice His ways and not the world’s!

**Attitudes** and **motivations** which are founded in humility enable a man to lead people in a Christ-like way. These are both learned and confirmed in how a man views the children around him — not just his own children but all those in his care. You could say that a man who serves with humility in leading our Father’s children is tasked with “*turning the hearts of the fathers to the children and the hearts of the children to their fathers*” (Malachi 4:6).

**A man’s ego is his worst enemy. But both in the world and within much of the Christian establishment, a man’s ego gets abundantly stroked and fed by the same stimulus: He enjoys being recognized for what he knows or what he accomplishes. And within Christian circles, men often tout and esteem biblical knowledge as a key indicator of who is held in highest regard.**

What a stark contrast with the character traits and attitudes of a man who serves out of love for His Lord and for his fellow followers of Jesus.

- **A man who represents our heavenly Father’s care for His children sets aside the ego gratification of being seen as a “Bible whiz”. He is resolute in humbly serving on our Lord’s behalf and on behalf of those in his relational care.**
- **A man who consistently yields to the Spirit of Christ in him seeks no acclaim for his service. In his own heart he’s only a humble servant doing what he’s called to do.**
- **A man who authentically walks in the footsteps of Jesus forfeits pursuing his own ambitions and self-will in order to be available to do the Father’s will.**
- **Only Jesus as Lord of his life can give a man this vital attitude of humility — a humility which is demonstrated in how he regards the children.**

Whether within the realm of the spiritual or in business or in government, these same character parameters are vital to the Father blessing a man’s leadership. And consider this. Out of a man’s compassionate regard for little children he develops his compassionate regard for the **poor**, the **oppressed** and the **alien**.

Again, the Kingdom of God is not **knowledge driven** or **task driven** so that a man can feel good about himself through what he knows or does. Rather, **the Kingdom is character driven**. The character of Jesus and His love-based motives are what unite you and those in your family and fellowship family in service to Him. It's through His character and motives that you will be strengthened to hang together in the midst of the desperate times of chastisement that will soon be upon us. If you're to be a man who by grace walks in our Lord's own footsteps, please heed His condition for leading:

*“At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, ‘Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? He called a little child to Him, and placed the child among them. And He said: ‘Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in My name welcomes Me’” (Matthew 18:1-5).*

A man with humble regard for children is able to understand why our God says, *“The Lord defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing”* (Deuteronomy 10:18; see also 24:21; 27:19; James 1:27). To be a man who follows our Lord Jesus in love-grounded obedient trust, you must have a humility-based view of those who are in desperate situations or being treated unjustly. Sacrificially caring for another human being isn't a political issue, but a *Christ-like essential concern*.

### **Sharing Inconvenient Truths Takes Courage (Part 1)**

*“Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets”* (Luke 6:26).

Too many men in leadership within Christianity are more likely to display an inner disdain for the needy rather than genuine sacrificial love. Many religious leaders operate like corporate CEOs, caring primarily for themselves and then for any who uncritically support them — the deluded who give them **blind allegiance**.

People who offer **blind allegiance** are what our Navajo friend calls “Hang-around-the-fort Indians.” This term was used among Native Americans during the Reservation Era to refer to those who spent too much time near military encampments pandering to the U.S. army personnel. In our materials we've referred to the same type of people within Christianity who have **“vested interests.”** These are folks who suck up to those they perceive will personally benefit them even at the cost of allowing others to be oppressed and deprived of justice. Our Lord would say to religious leaders to whom the vested interests kowtow, *“You make them twice as much a child of hell as you are”* (Matthew 23:15).

You may wonder why it's so crucial for us to spotlight for men the mostly overlooked character development of **humility-based attitudes** and **motivations**. Over the years the Holy Spirit has directed us to warn about the times we are now living in. Even the truths which our Father has given us to share about what He is restoring have come in the face of tremendous opposition and hardness of heart in this nation. (Before we went to Israel, the Spirit gave us Jeremiah 1:17-19 to reveal the nature of what Father was recruiting us for. Just prior to our return to the US, Isaiah 6:8-10 was given to us to show us the heart nature of those who have been deceived in Christianity.)

Many don't want to believe that our God has removed His hand of grace from this nation. Their minds are dominated by an illusion that one political party or another will free us from the current chaos. But the chaos won't dispel without widespread repentance!

Our heavenly Father has been giving this nation "bow shots" of warning for several decades. Like the warnings a parent gives a disobedient child, His "bow shots" are His attempt to alter our evil course. But we haven't repented. His severe mercy of chastisement is soon about to fall on us.

World Challenge recently sent out a prophetic warning given through the late David Wilkerson many years ago. It encapsulates the warnings the Holy Spirit has given us to share these past years. Please prayerfully read for yourself ***In One Hour Everything Is Going To Change*** <  
> (Back when Mike counseled religious leaders, David Wilkerson was despised by many of them. David prophetically exposed lukewarm, people-pleasing pulpites and threatened the self-exalting ambitions of a number of these leaders.)



We wouldn't ask you to read this prophetic warning if we didn't believe it's absolutely from our Father even though few then heeded its truth. As a result, injustice, hatred, and social calamity have skyrocketed, polarizing the nation into what seems to be swarms of antagonistic insects.

Mike is using the videos to prepare men to have the humility-based **attitudes** and **motivations** they need for the courage to lead our Father's children during the coming time of profound deprivation. Food and comfort will be scarce as so much of what people have relied on will be slowly taken away by our Father if we don't repent. The sad reality is that so many have blatantly ignored our Father's bow shots in recent decades — unless those catastrophes have directly impacted their own lives.

Please heed this. The blessings and curses found in Deuteronomy 28 weren't just meant for the Israelites. For we who follow Jesus as Lord and Savior, even a casual understanding of Christian history reveals He hasn't changed His conditions for blessing and curse.

Sharing the prophetic warnings of our Lord has always been an inconvenient truth. We yearn to see individuals and couples wholeheartedly embrace Kingdom service in our Lord and bring glory to our heavenly Father. And that's exactly what the Hebraic foundations do: first focusing on **attitudes** and **motives** toward our heavenly Father and our Lord Jesus, and then toward each other. There's no ego when a man leads with Father's blessing!

Please settle this in your understanding about the times in which we live:

All of us in this nation have brought this chastisement on ourselves. **No one is innocent!** If we repent now, our Father will hear our prayers when our needs are dire in the near future. Fellowship families will form and men of Christ-like character quality will be needed to serve and lead. Any

man can lead when times are good. But only a man of exceptional Christ-like **attitudes** and **motivations** can lead by the Spirit when everything around him has darkened and human need is great.

Everything we've discussed about the Hebraic foundations over the years relies on you men taking up a Christ-like servant leadership role. We pray that what we share will encourage you as you confirm it through the Holy Spirit and God's Word. Don't let it be an inconvenient truth.

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