

## ***RIGHTEOUSNESS: THE ONLY QUALIFICATION:***

Brethren, you may claim to be serving God. How do you serve God when you are known to have spent your whole life committing sins? You steal, fornicate, dupe, kill, hate, and segregate. No one can serve God except he desists from evil practices, yet professes to be serving God is a liar. It behooves on us all, who have the desire to inherit this kingdom to refrain from all manners of sin and stick to righteousness. A lot of people claim to be members of Brotherhood even in market places, schools, offices, villages and in every gathering they find themselves. If I may ask, by this claim, have you refrained from sin? This set of people will always tell you that mankind is saved by grace. If you are one of those that share in this thought, you are deceiving yourself. Have you not heard that faith without work is dead? The entry qualification to this kingdom is righteousness. You have to desist from the love of material things in addition to self denial. As a matter of fact you have to carry your cross and follow after Christ else you cannot fit into this kingdom. Recall the words of our Lord Jesus Christ where He said:

***"If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sister, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. And whosoever doth not bear his cross; and come after me cannot be my disciple." (Luke 14:26-27).***

Except you approach the issue from this perspective you cannot make any head way. You cannot serve God except you refrain from fornication, adultery, idolatry, stealing, murder, gossip, hatred, malice, falsehood and indeed all manners of sinfulness. Even if you erect a mansion and set aside a reasonable percentage of your estate for God yet you continue in sin, you are deceiving yourself. All you have done is in vain. Your whole effort cannot save you from perdition. How can a person who is easily exasperated serve God effectively? He cannot. The same applies to a sinner.

For you to be able to serve God you must be righteous. It baffles me when you go about bragging that you are a man of God whereas you continue to wallow in sin. Does a man of God commit sin? Why do you arrogate things to yourself? Note that arrogance indicate lack of belief in God. In other words, it is only those who do not believe in God who claim to be important. Your persistent calling on the name of God cannot help you to gain entrance into the kingdom of God.

## ***THOSE TO INHERIT THE KINGDOM:***

***"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? and then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." (Matthew 7:21-23).***

This is the time of judgment. If you are not righteous then forget about the kingdom, for you are not qualified. It is needless to remind you that to be qualified to be a part-taker of this kingdom, you must fulfill all righteousness. Without practicing righteousness, no matter your position and wealth, you are not qualified. If you have any trace of sin, it means you cannot enter into this

kingdom. Have you not heard or seen many that had risen, claiming to be Christ? They preached the word of God and performed marvelous works thereby drawing many followers to themselves, but a close observation would reveal that their activities portrayed them as false prophets, today where are they? Like the popular American Televangelist, he was found to be committing adultery secretly. For that act, he was publicly disgraced. His conscience was at war with him. As a result, he died. You can now see that it is one thing to claim to be a man of God and another to practice righteousness till the end. If you falsely claim to be righteous, you will be exposed at last to give way to those who are practicing the truth. The problem facing the whole world emanates from people's deep involvement in sin. God does not judge you for being righteous rather He judges the sinners, therefore you should realize that if you are found with any trace of sin you will be judged. It is therefore not to your credit to claim being a Brotherhood member. Only practice righteousness and you will qualify to enter this kingdom.

### ***TRUE DISCIPLESHIP:***

If you want to follow Christ, come out clear and follow Him. Alternatively if you do not want Him in your life, forget about Him completely. Do not play double standards with the name of God. His name is pure and should not be dragged in the mud. After all, no one servant can serve two masters. It is either he loves and obeys one or hate the other. Professing to be a great man or an ordained priest in this kingdom serves you no useful purpose if you fail to practice the truth.

### ***ARE THE POLYGAMISTS DISCIPLES OF GOD TOO?:***

Why are you happy moving about in the street with a black girdle claiming to be a pastor in Brotherhood whereas you are married to many wives? Imagine a polygamist claiming to be preaching the word of God. Whom are you preaching to when you have not practiced what you preach? You claim to be a top member of Brotherhood, yet your marriage is not blessed. What about that? What then qualifies you for the positions you are claiming to occupy in this Kingdom? As a polygamist, you are right to claim to belong to the exclusive class of people in the world, since that is a display of affluence before the world. But as far as this kingdom is concerned, you have not yet started the process of coming into it. The truth is that, it is the attitude of some members of Brotherhood that cause those in the world to speak ill of this fold. For if you were to do what is good they would not have had cause to blaspheme God. Since God is pure and holy, it is expected that all those who follow Him must be pure. How can you claim to be a Christian when you are married to more than one wife? For marrying to more than one wife you are contradicting the teaching of Christ.

The fact that the sinners are still in the midst of real members of Brotherhood is for the scriptures to be fulfilled. The sheep shall be separated from the goats at the appointed time. Read *(Matthew 25:31-40)*.

### ***SPIRITUAL SCREENING:***

No single sinner will be allowed into the kingdom of God. You should therefore strive hard to be righteous so that you can be counted worthy of this kingdom. I know, for sure that it is not easy to be righteous but, with devotion, one can be righteous because where your treasure is there also lies your interest.

It is disheartening that many only come here to get wealth and go back into the world instead of listening to the word of God and practice same. You cannot claim to be in partnership with God when you persistently contradict the Father's teaching.

You have to be mindful of whatever you do in this kingdom. Every man will be rewarded according to his work. This is why you should give a second thought to whatever you do. Do not think that I am not aware of all the things you do in this kingdom. I have seen everything. All the things you do in secret are known to me. Do not mistake God's patience for foolishness. You have to pay for all the deeds you engage in this world. Recall the story of a Bishop who died sometime ago. On getting to the mighty gate, he was directed to go to hell whereas he was heading to heaven. So on insisting that he wanted to go to heaven he was forced to move to hell. While confessing that he was a Bishop on earth, he questioned why he should be sent to hell. He brought out his copy of the Bible to prove his case. The gate man told him to either go to hell or return to the earth to make his path straight. The Bishop then returned to the earth and used three good weeks to make peace with his enemies and repented of all his evil deeds.

This proves to you how difficult it is to be a man of God. A single evil thing you do on earth can disqualify you from entering into the kingdom. *Read 1st Corinthians 5:1-end.*

***AVOID BOASTING:***

Have you now realized the cause of your problems? Do not be boastful of yourself, rather avoid evil, else you will be damned.

We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.

Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him. Hereby perceive we to love the brethren of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

*But whosoever hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? (1st John 3:14-17).*

Let my peace and blessings rest and abide with the entire world now and even for-ever-more. Amen.

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