

The Christian Manual

Matthew 11:1-15

Introduction:

The world is a beautiful place and has always kept its aesthetic beauty since its creation. Although it is alive and strong, it still has matters that are of worthy concern. The concern is the Earth's inhabitants, the humans. The humans over the life of this planet have descended into carefree, lascivious behavior. This behavior prompted God to implement a plan that would allow humans to escape condemnation because of the depths of wickedness unrighteousness. This plan is the plan of salvation which begets what the bible calls a Christian. A sworn, obedient follower of Jesus Christ, The Savior. Generations later Christ is on the scene and the throws of society are at their peak for an Empire controlled world. Social Standards are set by the wealthy and the powerful and all normative categories are dangerous and restrictive in this era. Jesus brings this out when he vents about his cousin John who is unfairly imprisoned because he spoke the truth. How does this understanding impact your view of self as a Christian in your society?

LESSON: CHECKING THE MANUAL

Further inquiry:

What should we know/understand about society?

- The descending morality in the world will possibly get lower...and eventually start to cave in on itself. Anyone in any social structure will be affected by the downfall.
- This includes Christians. We have to understand what we stand for and be ready for any time we have to be firm in our stance.
- We should know and understand that laws that affect our livelihood as Christians are present and more coming.

What as Christian must focus on is self-empowerment through the scriptures. Not self-empowerment that propels us higher into social constructs. Christian empowerment is advancing one's confidence, courage, knowledge, and practice of our faith – through scriptural learning and obedience. This must be a daily endeavor so that we can be pleasing to God. What can the Christian do to empower themselves in God.

There are certain actions we can take and different understandings to get as Christians to strengthen ourselves spiritually, emotionally, psychologically for our journey.

Key Things we can gather for ourselves are:

1. Daily Self Maintenance
2. Authentic Presentation
3. Strong Conviction

Self-Maintenance

- Study - Read the bible every day.
- Prayer regiment - Pray for yourself every day. And others

- Support - Choose a Christian you can talk to and confide in about deep concerning issues.
- Inventory - Repent each day and strive for corrective progress.
- Education - Learn God's word, trust it, obey it, and share it.

The Christian Presentation

- Conduct yourself as a Christian to protect Christ's legacy.
- Living a wholesome life and giving no one any reason to see us any different.
- Be authentic and transparent – do not fake it til you make it. Be Real Until - instead.
- Careful consideration and caution with our presence and participation.
- Be bonded/sworn to only the righteous. Not any esoteric groups like fraternities, sororities, masons, etc.
- Make it a practice that you present yourself as **THE** Person who is willing to do **ONLY** what is right and Godly. Never compromise morality or spirituality.

A soldier for Jesus

- **Hold your head up** and be proud – while others are proud to sin....you be proud to righteously.
- **Be bold** because you are a servant of Christ. While others love to mimic the devil....you show them the experience of being around someone who is like Christ.
- **Do not be feeble** or whine about things sinners do....instead let them see you unbothered....with that peace that defies all understanding!
- Exercise your rights as a citizen **to protect your rights** to be peaceful.
- Do not look away from danger....be brave and fear no one or no thing when you must act on what is right.

Christians can be do really well at being a Christian and doing what Christians are commanded by God to do. We can be well at confidence as Christians. When we make the intentional efforts to please God, we will naturally get better at living a righteous life and certainly grow more spiritually.

Let's show our God that we are willing...and He will show us that He is able.