IN IT BUT NOT OF IT! - August 23, 2020

Intro

And they sent to Him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that You are true, and teach the way of God in truth; nor do You care about anyone, for You do not [[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+22&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-23889c)]regard the person of men.

Matthew 22:16

1. You will be hated because I have CHOSEN YOU and CALLED YOU OUT of this world.
2. Bad reasons to be hated – Read 1 Timothy 3:1-7
3. Good reasons to be hated – Read Matthew 24:3-13 (specifically vs. 10)

***YOU ARE ABOUT TO ENTER A NEW SEASON!***

Spiritual Fathering

**What have you learned from this pandemic as of August?**

1. We have been blessed by God as this pandemic has slowed us down and forced us to re-evaluate our relationship with Him.
2. I have learned MANY things about myself during this time.
3. THE “ALL ABOUT ME” PRINCIPLE
4. God does “break us down” and “re-work us” on a daily basis. Philippians 1:6
5. ASK YOURSELF –
6. In my relationship with the LORD, do I want to return to what I was a year ago?
7. If I was given a chance for one final surge to throw off ALL those things that entangle you, what distraction would keep you from doing it?
8. If I was given the opportunity to REDEEM MYSELF from what I did years ago, what distraction would keep ME from doing it?

* You fell for the lie once. You know the things that weigh you down. You know what the accuser has been throwing at you for years.
* You were disqualified in your calling that God prepared you for before the foundation of the world (Ephesians 2:10).
* BUT you have been yearning for that Galatians 6:1-2 relationship.

**Where does spiritual boredom come from?**

1. Growing up in church you learn what to say and do and what not to say and do. **Then you get bored!**
2. You learn how to manage your guilt.

Back and forth – back and forth – seared with a red hot iron – moved into complacency. **Then you get bored!**

1. The blessings and traps or the modern church
2. As a musician and artist, I am inspired by excellence – but a tool can quickly become an idol.
3. We are NOT consumers – The “come and go” with the “no connection trap” **produces spiritual boredom** and distracts us from our true calling.

* The purpose of meeting together – Ephesians 4:12 – The equipping of the saints
* Corporate worship
* The 2 ordinances of the local church

1. The LORD of Glory is not your “buddy”.

* He’s not the “man upstairs”.
* He is to be feared.

READ Hebrews 12:18-28

Amen! The LORD be praised.

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