

Is The Truth Transforming your Life?

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Clever men of this world were (and may still be) looking for a wonder drug that would cure that part of the mind of people that may be responsible for causing people to be violent, rapists, murderers, etc. Perhaps one may have been found but the side effects are so bad that it destroys the person! If there were such a drug found then they would be behind the times!

Why?

Because there is already something to end the wickedness in people today, already on this earth!

It is not in the form of a drug, but it is The Truth of True Christianity.

Its power can work on, and within all of us - if we are prepared to take it!

It is not new because there was a man who hated Christians, whose main purpose in life was to hunt them down and then kill them! Saul was this person in The Bible, but he became converted and then changed his name to Paul. He was then totally committed to preach as hard as he could. The Bible contains many of his letters.

There was once a mass murderer who was on death row in America. He had such a violent spirit that it required two to three wardens to just go into the room together for protection! However this 29-year-old prisoner was given two Christian magazines and it turned him. He realised what he was doing, was wrong, and he repented from his violent ways. He asked the prison officers where to find the Christian writer's address because he said: "I have just got to talk to that man!"

The preacher said: "Love oozed out from that prisoner".

Many people wonder how to live in harmony with their bodies, many people write books on the subject, but most ignore the Biblical teaching from the Bible. They may listen to a human professor with worldly ideas and think how wonderful he/she is, but they totally ignore The Creator's advice on how to live in harmony with your body!

If God created us, He should know what is best for us!

Those who read The Bible must then feed on The Word from God.

This means take it in and then grow on it (Just like The Parable of The Sower shows us)!

It gives a goal and direction on how to do it. It explains how to reach that goal and to overcome the obstacles and hardships along the way. It will give you power and strong faith to reach that goal.

Cruel flaws in character doesn't absolve your responsibilities:-

Lev. 20v13 If a man also lie with man, as he lies with a woman, both of them has committed an abomination: They shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.

This is detestable to God.

Psa. 97v10 You that love the Lord, hate evil: He preserves the souls of his saints; he delivers them out of the hand of the wicked.

Hate is a powerful emotion and normally used for bad, however if a person can hate what is bad in himself, then this is not so bad!

Rom. 12v2 Be not conformed to this world: but you must be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what is good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God.

Paul's advice to us is to pray to God for assistance so that we may turn away from our cruel flaws in our character.

First Point.

We must go through our character and identify all the bad traits. These traits are abhorrent to Yahweh God and it is our responsibility to try and remove them to our best ability. Unfortunately there is much pressure today to do what God considers evil - people accept evil practises as being normal, and now as acceptable behaviour!

Other pressures may cause people to look to things to help them. A drink can be very refreshing, but a drunkard cannot handle it. The damage that this brings is not immediately visible, but it can bring a loss of memory and personality changes. The sufferer will have heart, lung and liver toxin troubles. 50% of TB sufferers are alcoholics. Finally it leads to family troubles.

Secondly:

Drugs. Drugs are available in our schools now! Drugs always leads to loose life styles. Stealing and then lying to fund the habit. An example:-

In 1966 a person was studying and had a bright future ahead of them. But they wanted to keep in with their mates and took drugs. It was initially a lovely feeling, and then it became a peculiar feeling. Two years lost their job. Smoking 40-50 cigarettes a day. Costing 20-30 pounds a day to fund the drug habit. Started sleeping rough as a squatter, selling everything they had to fund their habit. They moved from one drug ring to another. They had got nothing left!

A 17-year-old girl went the same way; she used her flat for the swooping place for drugs. She too, had to sell everything until she only had the dressing gown that she stood up in. She finally sold her body for the sexual pleasures of others to get this money she needed. Then she came to the truth. Within two weeks she had cleared out her flat all the participants in this drug ring, gave up drugs and smoking. She was then able to smarten herself up and in doing so, able to get a job.

Other drugs are subtle and come in the form of cigarettes. 40 cigarettes a day, is 5 pounds a day spent in satisfying a habit. A mother may say to a child you cannot have any fruit to eat or sweets because I wouldn't have enough money for my cigarettes!

(2007 note written some 13 years later: The Times paper in August stated that now in England there are 1.7 million children in the care of registered drug users! What a future time bomb growing within our community – I feel just so unhappy for both parties – the parents having diminished their life's prospects and the children starting off their life in such a disadvantaged state!)

Thirdly:-

Sexual Immorality.

Gal. 5v19-21 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies. Envy, murders, drunkenness, revelling, and suchlike; of which I have told you before, as I have also told you in time past, those who do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

This could not be clearer!

Once we have the knowledge, then if we practice these evil things we will not inherit God's kingdom. We will have mental and physical stress if we stray from the truth. The warnings that are given are to save us from the problems of this world. There is a real need to be transformed from the disgusting practices within this world of Satan.

Fourthly:-

Problems with Race and Nationalism. There is no problem when things are comfortable in a country, but there are evil groups of people who stir up trouble when jobs, food or prospects become severely difficult to obtain - the pressure begins to build up. They all start shouting: 'Get back to your country - this is ours!' In their self imposed ignorance, they do not realise that we are ALL the same species with rights to the whole planet!

However The Truth from Jesus has the power to bring all people together.

An example of this would be the True Christian who preached to the Burmese. Many Westerners looked down upon the type of clothing worn by the Burmese. But the True Christian preacher wore the same type of shirt as the Burmese when he gave his speech on the podium. He wanted to be part of them and not separated by means of dress.

This is what Paul said: I become a gentile when I teach a gentile and Jew when teach a Jew.

Some people may suggest that King David's people, the Israelites were nationalistic, but this would be the wrong interpretation. There were supposed to set themselves apart - to be clean and show, to demonstrate to the other nations on how to behave under God's Ten Commandments.

The True Christian church should exactly mirror this. The actions of the Christian should be such as **not** to follow and mix with the evil practises of this world.

The wisest Human on earth (besides Jesus) was Solomon.

He wrote in Eccl. 'Man can work his way to the top and still find no satisfaction.' What was he doing wrong?

Then he answers: 'The only satisfaction is finding The Will of God.' Once we operate under the guidance of the way of God then we have satisfaction and peace of mind.

2Cor. 13v5 Examine yourselves, whether you be in the faith/fidelity/assurance; prove/assay your own selves. If you do not know yourselves, how then will you recognise that Jesus Christ is in you? Otherwise you will become reprobates!

We must keep testing ourselves to ensure that we are of the highest quality to carry out and represent God's Word.

Returning back to this man on death row for 9 years. He spent all his time studying hard. As he advanced, he realised that he must transform his ways. The guards could not believe this human transformation! He was given much more freedom and the door was left open. He was gobbling up The Truth from The Bible. Another man took over the teaching and after a while the prisoner was baptised. There was every request from people around for him to be reprieved. However the prisoner said: 'No!' Because, he had to carry the penalty for his actions within this world. In the end he was hung for his actions – He was required to pay the price.

But as he was falling, the priest heard him say:-

'Brother please save my other brothers!'

Clearly this man had the only Truth to change a man!