

## Are You A Friend of God?

Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. James 4:4

WOW, to me this says it all, we cannot be a friend of the world and a friend of God. All who are friends of the world are God's enemies.

Our biggest problem with becoming friends of this world is that we don't seem to realize that we have become friends of the world. We rely on our own stinking thinking and justifying doing what everyone else is doing. God's Word tells us that to use our own way of thinking is death and hatred toward God. *"For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God."* Romans 8:6-8

We so often fall to the lies of Satan because he does not approach us as something evil and scary we might see around Halloween, he comes as an angel of light and so do his ministers. *"And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works."* 1 Corinthians 11:14-15

We must stand firm on the Word of God and not be swayed to look at this or participate in that because someone of the church, even the minister, says it will be ok. If God's Word is against it, it is NOT ok. No matter how it is presented, do not be deceived. Do not let the wolf in sheep's clothing trick you into compromising and accepting what is not of God. *"And he said, take heed that ye be not deceived: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and the time draweth near: go ye not therefore after them." Luke 21:8 "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them."* Matthew 7:15-20

We must stand firm on the truth, reject stinking thinking, put on the mind of Christ and not conform to this world. We must *"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."* Proverbs 3:5-6 *"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."* Romans 12:2

Keep in mind that this fight we are fighting is for our very souls and the souls of our loved ones. Even though these attacks come from flesh and blood people our war is not physical. *"For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;"* 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

We cannot be friends with this world and with God. *"...know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God."* James 4:4

Father help us to see the truth in each situation and not be deceived by Satan, who we know comes as an angel of light; but is not light, his ways lead to destruction. Help us remember that he comes to kill, steal and destroy and that we are the ones he wants to do this to. Help us to take every thought captive and subject it to the obedience of Jesus Christ and if we are in a situation where we cannot hear you, that we will use your Word to sense what is coming into our senses with Philippians 4:8. Thank you Lord for taking the scales off my eyes to see the truth. Amen.