



HOLY ROLLERS!

I need to start this Unspoken Truth by asking the question... what is really going on? I thought the old term "Holy Roller" played out years ago, but the mentality is still alive and well in our so-called holier than thou churches. Some Christians used to think it was a compliment to be called a "Holy Roller." Not! What is really going on, people?

I often wonder, how is it that we can sit around our family tables and gossip about any and everybody and then... have the nerve to play "holy" when it seems to be convenient? I think that irritates me more than anything in the church. This "attitude" that so many people have is the very thing that drives people AWAY from the church instead of drawing them TO the church. Holy Rollers! Church Christians! Whatever name that deems to be appropriate... it is wrong! It is the wrong attitude to have especially in the church.

God said in Matthew 11:28, "Come unto me, all [ye] that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." It does not say that in order to come to the church to seek Christ, we must first go by the mall and buy some new digs so we can appear to be clean and presentable to the church folks! I do not see it written in any given scripture in the Holy Bible that we have to present our bodies a living sacrifice holy and acceptable unto the CHURCH FOLKS. However, the way some of us act, one would think that when a lost soul walks into the church doors he/she must meet the approval of the Holy Rollers before touching the hem of Jesus' garment. Matthew 9:20-21 reads, "And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind [him], and touched the hem of his garment: For she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole." I am so glad that she did not have to walk through the church doors before reaching Jesus. She never would have made it because church folks are like crabs - waiting to pull each other back down into the bucket.

I am sure if you are reading this, you are wondering what brought all of this on? Well, as usual... I write about real life situations and issues that affect me. Nine times out of ten, if they are affecting me, they have affected someone else at some point.

Holy Rollers, Church Christians, Holier Than Thou Believers... get it together! Stop judging one another! Stop backbiting. Stop talking about one another! Stop talking about this church and that church! Stop thinking that your church is better than the next church or your ministry is better than the next ministry. When it all boils down to the core of the problem, the only answer is WE are the problem. Everywhere I look, there is a church on a corner, but what are we doing to help those who are lost? Certainly we are not helping them find their way to Christ if we are lost too! The Word of God clearly states in Luke 6:41, "And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but perceivest not the beam that is in thine own eye?"

Again, I say... what is really going on? Some people may call me controversial for publishing this, but I would rather be controversial for a good cause any day, than to be controversial over something that holds no substance to being saved. To those of you who take the time and read my

stories on this website, I do hope and pray that you find meaning because I do not sit down and write for my own entertainment. I am fulfilling the purpose that God has placed on my life. Are you fulfilling yours? If not, sit down, think about it and ask God to take away some of YOU and fill YOU up with a whole lot of HIM. Watch God move on your behalf and watch God begin to move in your church.

The church has not been set aside for entertainment, but to draw those in who are lost and who are seeking Jesus Christ. We must come out of tradition and stop following a program and move in the flow of the Spirit of God. If we act so holy that no one can touch us or reach us, what good are we to the ministry of God? How can we draw others to Christ looking down our noses and criticizing others when we are not doing anything ourselves? It is a dangerous thing to have a proud look. It is in the Word. These six [things] doth the LORD hate: yea, seven [are] an abomination unto him: Proverbs 6:17 A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, Proverbs 6:18 An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, Proverbs 6:19 A false witness [that] speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

Take heed to the scriptures and take heed to God's call on your life. God did not put you here to sit back with your arms folded and judge Sister Sally because she likes to wear pants to church. God did not put you here to turn your nose up at the first lady because she does not wear hats and sit on the front pew only to fake a smile at her husband who she doesn't speak to when they leave the church because he is on the down low with one of the ordained deacons. God did not put you here to determine what songs the choir is supposed to sing on any given Sunday or who the lead vocalist should be. God did not put you here to determine if whether or not the praise dance ministry choreographer is qualified to teach the sanctimonious praise dancing that the world has depicted as "holy." My Bible said that David danced until his clothes came off. I don't think his clothes would have come off if all he did was wave his arms and glide across the front of the church. However, none of US were there, so who are WE to judge? God did not put us here to run to the club on Thursday night, but when you see a church member dance across the floor because they are happy in Jesus, you have something negative to say. You see, the same folks that you are speaking negatively about do not stand in line at Freelon's and wait, so they can see you roll your belly and pop your hips, so you think that what you do is kept undercover or so you think. Think again. Somebody saw you and somebody is going to TELL IT!

I think I feel a praise coming on!. Thou Holy Rollers, I call you by your judgmental name... the lesson in this story is to check yourself before you even began to check up on someone else. I am sure you understand the language. Check up on it? Yea, don't act like you don't know. If you are not listening to Beyonce, someone in your house is. So, maybe you need to ask them what "check up on it" means. Let me tell you... SWEEP AROUND YOUR OWN FRONT DOOR BEFORE YOU TRY TO SWEEP AROUND MINE.

Peace!

Until next time...

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