

GOT A SEC?

So Dorothy, the scarecrow, the tin man, the lion, and her dog Toto finally make it to Emerald City. They are there for a meeting with the great and powerful Oz, each one had a personal request and they were certain he could help. While speaking to The Wizard, Dorothy's little dog Toto pulled back the curtain and discovered The Wizard, was not who he said he was, and certainly not who they thought he was. They had been duped! And although he was exposed, the Wizard yelled "Go away there is nothing to see here."

Do you see the dichotomy here? They were looking for help from someone who could not, or would not help. All Dorothy wanted was to go back home but the Wizard couldn't help her but an unexpected friend did. Glenda, the good witch had Dorothy click her ruby slippers together and say "There is no place like home" that allowed Dorothy to return back to Kansas.

I'm a little ticked off lately, my life is great, I have everything I need and then some but I am really concerned about this nation and the course it is on. We have over time put our faith in the wrong place and have looked for help from charlatans, phony, arrogant, self-centered people whose only interest is in promoting themselves. Standing behind the curtain they pretend to be something they are not. Telling us what we should do but not doing it themselves...lies and more lies. Excuse after excuse and mistake after mistake. "Go away there is nothing to see here."

Fast and Furious, Benghazi, IRS, NSA, and a Health Care Law that's destined to hurt us more than it heals us. The collection of phone and email records, trillions in deficits, wars we cannot win, high gas prices, high cost of living. High unemployment, food stamps, disability, fraud, waste, abuse, welfare, poverty. City's like Detroit that are going broke and pensions disappearing. Violent crimes are up and our immigration policy is a joke. Race relations have been taken back thirty years by an industry that thrives on racial division; we are clearly being divided by special interests and political correctness. "Go away there is nothing to see here."

Athlete's (and bike riders) on drugs, rap stars debasing women, celebrities who have no conscience or morals, who are for gun control yet star in the films that promote violence. Oh well I kind of expect that kind of behavior from them, but our elected officials? Yep them too, stealing from hardworking taxpayers for parties at resorts and paying back all of their friends and relatives and anyone else that will advance them personally. Politicians who harass women and show their private parts all over the internet and using the excuse, "We are all human and we all make mistakes." Apologize and expect to just move on. "Go away there is nothing to see here."

Let me make something real clear here. A mistake is hanging a nail a little off center when you are hanging a picture. It's forgetting to dot an...i or cross a...t, even forgetting a period at the end of a sentence would constitute a mistake. Cheating on your wife is not a mistake. Showing your private parts on the internet is not a mistake. Stealing and murder are not mistakes Abortions are not mistakes. These are decisions you make.

I feel like a lemon sometimes getting massaged just before someone squeezes all the juice out of me, Well I am going to grab a diet soda and a pack of cigarettes, grab the pup, go to the park in my bankrupt city, without sun screen, and breathe some dirty air, heck I'm so upset I might even drink some water out of the drinking faucet. I'm sure no one else feels this way but thanks' for listening to me vent.

I think it's time for more leaders and less wizards.

CHILDISH THINKING

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth or rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Matthew 6:19-21

Have you ever noticed how some people, both adults and teenagers, tend to define themselves by how they compare to their peers? Personal assessment is often based on questions like; do I own the types of clothing, electronic gadgets, cars, and houses that others have? Am I as popular or successful as my friends? Sadly, many people fail to give up these childish ways, which can sabotage their relationships.

One example is when we confuse security with what we own. This kind of attitude leads us to work longer hours or pressure our spouse to do so. Since material things can't bring lasting security, our search for fancier, newer, or additional possessions doesn't end. Tensions build in our relationships because we are never satisfied. But deriving security from our position as God's adopted children (Ephesians 1:5) can set us free from materialism. Then we'll be able to serve God, regardless of our financial circumstances.

Another example is when we believe we are failures. When we think this way, we crave affirmation but often reject it as unbelievable. Success in business or personal life does not really change our opinion of ourselves nor does affirmation from loved ones. Eventually, friendships and marriages suffer under the weight of our negativity. God says He chose us and made us co-heirs with His Son Jesus. (Romans 8:16-17) Our value comes from belonging to Him.

The Lord wants us to acknowledge our childish thought patterns, surrender them to Him, and intentionally embrace what He has said about us. Begin to take these steps now to move yourself toward greater spiritual maturity.

The story is told of a Swiss watch on the wrist of a lady in Zurich. It kept time perfectly and allowed her to keep her appointments, punctually.

One day, however, the watch said, “I’m doing a pretty good job, but why should I be limited to one lady? I want to serve. I want to minister. A watch like me could help the city.”

So the watch found itself one day high above Zurich, fastened to the tallest building in the city. But no one could see it, for it was lost in the position of elevation.

Like the watch, God has placed us in a position that will bring the most good. He has put us in situations because He is preparing you for what is to come. He asks that we trust Him without murmuring and complaining about our condition.

He wants us to always stop looking for a better situation or for conditions to be just right and learn to be content in whatever position He has placed us in for now.

A wise person say’s “Lord, plant me where you see that I am designed to be. Place me in a spot where I can most glorify You presently, and that will prepare me for eternity. Teach me to be content Lord.” AND HE WILL – HE TRULY WILL

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