

HERE ARE A FEW PEARLS,



FROM YOU UNCLE RUBEN

MAY THIS IMAGE BURN IN YOUR MIND:



Need a visual on Ezekiel 3:17-18; "Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me. When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand"

How many people, family members, neighbors, co-workers will have their blood on your hands because you did not **WARN THEM?**

Do you ever sound the alarm when you see the enemy outside or inside the camp and warn everyone or have we now a new watchman that wishes to befriend the enemy and looks to find a medium ground with them and that warning sound is now a little tambourine tap?

Here is another PEARL, think we just warn the sinner, we are to **WARN that person who turned his back on God and licks that vomit of their past as well; "Again, When a righteous man turns from his righteousness, and commits iniquity, and I lay a stumblingblock before him, he shall die: because you have not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he has done shall not be remembered; but his blood will**

I require at your hand" Ezek.3:20

What will your fingers look like when you stand before a Holy God?

WHO IS MY BROTHER?



It is common among young Street Preachers to use the word "Brother" or "Bro" when preaching in public and addressing a crowd. But I ask you WHY would you call unbelievers your "Brother" than refer to a believer as your "Brother" as well?

We do not find this language in the scriptures. Jesus did not call everyone His Brother, in fact we are given a PEARL from Him on this topic, as He kept a wedge between who His Brothers are.

"For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother"

-Matthew 12:50

We do not all have the same Father, so why everyone your "Brother"?

Jesus said, **"Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do"**

-John 8:44

....and again.....

"I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father" -John 8:38

We can also find this within the Book of Acts where men were inspired by the Holy Ghost to address the crowds **"men AND brethren"** note the dissimilarity. There should be a distinction between a SAINT and SINNER no? Learn to control that tongue.



"And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty,) Men and brethren, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus"

-Acts 1:15-16

"Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day. Acts 2:29

"Men and brethren, children of the stock of Abraham, and whosoever among you feareth God, to you is the word of this salvation sent"

-Acts 12:26

"Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins"

-Acts 13:38

"And Paul, earnestly beholding the council, said, Men and brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day"

-Acts 23:1

"But when Paul perceived that the one part were Sadducees, and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, Men and brethren, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee: of the hope and resurrection of the dead I am called in question"

-Acts 23:6

"And it came to pass, that after three days Paul called the chief of the Jews together: and when they were come together, he said unto them, Men and brethren, though I have committed nothing against the people, or customs of our fathers, yet was I delivered prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans"

-Acts 28:17

You do understand the point? KEEP YOURSELVES FROM IDLE WORDS when preaching!

ALWAYS REMEMBER, LOCATION...LOCATION...AND LOCATION



We find two PEARLS in the book of Proverbs, first 1:20,21 "Wisdom crieth without; she uttereth her voice in the STREETS; She CRIETH IN THE CHIEF PLACE OF CONCOURSE, IN THE OPENINGS OF THE GATES; in the city she uttereth her words, saying....."

And again....

Proverbs 8:1-3 "Doth not wisdom cry? And understanding put forth her voice? She STANDETH IN THE TOP OF HIGH PLACES, BY THE WAY IN THE PLACES OF THE PATHS. She crieth AT THE GATES, AT THE ENTRY OF THE CITY, AT THE COMING IN AT THE DOORS."

Not only does the "field manual" teach location, but also there are countless examples from Old to New Testaments where we find location was the paramount place to preach.

"I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day or night....Go through, go through THE GATES; prepare ye the way of the people" Is. 62:6-10

"Go and PROCLAIM THESE WORDS TOWARD THE NORTH...." Jer. 3:12

"The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying, STAND IN THE GATE OF THE LORD'S HOUSE, AND PROCLAIM there this word.." Jer. 7:1-2

"Thus saith the Lord; STAND IN THE COURT OF THE LORD'S HOUSE, and speak unto all the cities of Judah..." Jer. 26:2

John the Baptist, "preaching in the wilderness of Judea", baptizing people in the "river Jordan." John could have used a stream, or a small pool or body of water to baptize. But chose the Jordan River, because it was a hub, it was a strategic piece of real estate. For "Jerusalem, and ALL Judea, and ALL the region round about Jordan." Mt. 3:1-5

Jesus sent out the 12 to preach, "GO NOT into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans ENTER YE NOT. But GO RATHER to the lost sheep of the house of Israel" Mt. 10:1-15

Jesus preaches even after they "seek to kill" him. "Then cried Jesus IN THE TEMPLE as he taught...." John 7:25-28

The Apostles were arrested and placed in "the common prison," then at night the angel of the Lord opened the doors and said. "GO, STAND AND SPEAK IN THE TEMPLE..." Acts 5:17-20

"Then Paul STOOD IN THE MIDST OF MARS HILL, and said....." Acts 17:22

Location matters.

You get MORE bang for your buck with the right location. We see a number of examples with men proclaiming something at the gates of the city, in front of the temple, at the marketplace, along certain roads, certain rivers which were a hub of activity and we were told to preach it from the housetops.

NOW THAT YOU KNOW WHERE TO STAND, THE NEXT QUESTION IS WHAT TO PREACH:



The million-dollar question is "what do I preach when I am out there?"

I say, tailor your message to the event. For example, you don't preach a eulogy at a wedding, or do you?? You don't preach against sodomites at a rock concert, nor would you preach against abortion at a city parade. Of course if these issues come up, then you address them. But, we all know people who preach the same message, on the same issues, with the same topic to everyone. These preachers are stuck on one gear, and will never shift from first to second gear. These same preachers stay in neutral, and have no power to thrust forward and reverse when the situation calls. When preaching during the NFL super bowl, I do not speak about the NBA, ALWAYS tailor your message to the ears to hear. Speaking at colleges and universities you can preach about current events of the day, and insert the Gospel, or what God says about that event. The lesson....learn to change gears and not allow your preaching to be nothing more than recital.

We find many examples of men of God that knew what to preach, knew whom the message was for, knew when to shift gears and preached against a variety of sins in their theater.

In 1Kings 21:17-19 we find Elijah the prophet going to the king of Israel, who was in Samaria, in a vineyard, with a message just for him

Isaiah's was commissioned to expose their sins; **"CRY ALOUD, SPARE NOT, LIFT UP THY VOICE LIKE A TRUMPET, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sin" Is.58:1**

Jeremiah is good example for he knew just what to preach and where before he walked into town; **"Thou therefore gird up thy loins, and arise, AND SPEAK unto them ALL THAT I COMMAND THEE: be not dismayed at their faces, lest I confound thee before them." Jer.1:17**

". . .the word of the Lord came to me, saying, GO AND CRY IN THE EARS of Jerusalem, saying . . ." Jer.2:1-2

With his relationship with God, he knew what to say to whom to say it and where to stand to do it; **"The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying, Hear ye the Words of this covenant, and speak unto the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem; And say unto them.." Jer.11:1-3**

"Thus saith the Lord; Stand in the court of the Lord's house, and speak unto all the cities of Judah, which come to worship in the Lord's house, all the words THAT I COMMAND THEE TO SPEAK UNTO THEM; DIMINISH NOT A WORD" Jer.26:2

Street preacher Ezekiel understood this also; **"...spirit entered...and said, I send thee to a rebellious nation....who sinned against me even this day....speak my words whether they hear or not..." Ezek. 2:2-8**

Again the word came to Ezekiel, and then was told **"Speak unto them, and say unto them....." Ezek. 4:2-4**

He did not just show up on the sidewalk, saying "well Lord, I'm here now, so use me and what would you have me say?" you MUST put time, thought and PRAYER into your message and you will not only get moved to speak but where to stand. These men did not need to feel or read the crowd before they preached to them, they knew what to say.

"...word came to me....set thy face toward the mountains of Israel and say...." Ezek. 6:1-5

"...set thy face against Pharaoh king of Egypt....speak and say...." Ezek. 29:20-23

Preaching in public is not just standing on the sidewalk quoting Bible verses out loud, many times God will have you speak to them in a frequency they understand. Jesus used parables in His preaching to convey a message, He did not just reciting the Old Testament scripture to people.

"the good Samaritan" (Lk.10)

"the goodly pearl" (Mt.13)

"laborers in the vineyard" (Mt.20)

"the Pharisee and publican" (Lk.18)

"the prodigal son" (Lk.15)

"the sheep and the goats" (Mt.25)

"the tares" (Mt.13)

"unjust judge" (Lk.18)

"unmerciful servant" (Mt.18)

"the wedding feast" (Lk.12)

"the wicked husbandmen" (Mt.21)

"the sower" (Mt.13)

"leaven" (Mt.13)

"lost sheep" (Lk.15)

"the mustard seed" (Mt.13)

For anyone with ears to hear and eyes to see WILL UNDERSTAND.

In Matthew chapter 10 we find Jesus sending out the apostles to GO preach and He COMMANDED them saying; **"...GO NOT INTO THE WAY OF THE GENTILES, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not. But GO RATHER TO THE LOST SHEEP OF THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL. And as ye go, preach, SAYING THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND"**

He kept everyone on the same page as they all had marching orders of where to go and what to say.

In Acts 5:17-21 after the apostles were put in a common prison, an angel of the Lord, opened the doors and instructed them saying **"Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life."** They were not told to go there first, and then they will be told what to say when they get there. They knew their message before preaching it.

In Acts 17: 16-33 we find the apostle Paul standing in the midst of Mars hill, which this city of Athens was given wholly to idolatry. Paul did not preach "the first two of the Ten Commandments are NO IDOL'S"....NO, he quoted from one of their own poets (v.28). He preached a message tailored to the people he preached to so they could understand.

AS A PREACHER YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO REBUKE THE SINNER NOSE TO NOSE....THEN MAYBE SAY SOMETHING HUMOROUS TO THE CROWDTHEN BE ABLE TO ANSWER A QUESTION, GIVE A SOFT ANSWER AND PRAY FOR SOMEONE IF NEEDED.....ALL IN UNDER 2.5 SECONDS. YOU MUST BE ABLE TO CHANGE GEARS AND NOT JUST RUN ON ONE GEAR!

Pray to let your words be as precise as a sniper. **"...open thy mouth, and I will fill it"**
Psalms 81:10

I like you get many incoming emails daily and this is one where I was asked about what an opening statement can be used on the sidewalk. Below is the question, coupled with my PEARL response.



*"Brother Ruben, I know the power of quoting scripture but I also understand giving the sinner something they can understand. Like Jesus who used parables as he preached. What can you give me to open up a sidewalk sermon or to gather a crowd on campus? God Bless you're work.
David"*

MY RESPONSE: As you stated Brother David, the Bible is dominant without dispute, but there are a few pearls that I use that can wake up someone from their slumber and respond or get provoked to stop and listen.

Now we must understand the theater in which we live. I call it the 'Jerry Springer' generation as your average American has the attention span of maybe 5-10 seconds before they will walk away or change the channel.

But if something is loud, looks like a pie-fight, demand attention, you now have eyes and ears. Rush Limbaugh is a good example, as he will use humor, hard facts, satire and people will listen for hours on what he says on a subject.

So in understanding our audience, we can utilize something tangible to have them listen as Paul did on Mars Hill when he quoted from one of their own poets to captivate his crowd.

So without further ado, pearls are unlocked and now dropping for you to launch you're opening statement. No royalty fees are needed:

"There goes the neighborhood, here comes the Christians"

"God does not work in mysterious ways, He works according to His Bible and if you

do not know the Bible. God seems mysterious”

“Someone told me you people are involved in sin around here?”

“Who ordered the street preacher? Did someone order a street preacher with extra ‘hellfire’ and a dash of ‘you sinner’ coupled with a pinch of “shame on you’? Well here I am.”

“Please do not take what I’m about to say personal. Please take it as a group”

“Are there any Bible believing, born again, filled with the Holy Ghost Christians on campus today, as I would like to shake your hand? Because I have yet to meet just one from this campus. (After I shake a few hands, I continue), I still have yet to shake the hands of a TRUE Bible believing, born again, filled with the Holy Ghost Christian on this campus”

“Who told you God wants you just as you are? You have been lied too. God demands repentance and repentance means God does not want anyone the way they are”

“Who here voted for Obama? (after hands are raised, I point back to them and I say), You are a jackass. You are a jackass and you are a jackass. Is that not the symbol of the democrat party, you jackass? And you must be a jackass if you want abortion, same sex marriage, God and prayer removed from our schools and courts”

“You do not need to believe in hellfire to go to hellfire and God does not just put homosexuals and fornicators in hellfire”

“Nothing going on here, please people keep moving...Nothing to see here....please do not read our banners, take our tracts and stand around and listen.”

“Keep moving please, eyes forward, no talking. HEY YOU! I saw you, you just gave me a side eye. I said keep moving and don’t stop. You might get saved and start preaching. And I do not like the competition”

“I was told that another open air preacher was on this campus last week and he called some of you girl’s whores. I can not believe that. I wish to find out just who said that and I will talk to him personally about that statement. Because as an elder among open air preachers, I will rebuke him for calling you SLUTS a whore. Who does he think he is by calling you HO’S a whore? Why would anyone want to call you TRAMPS and NYMPHO-BABES and whore? Just who in their right mind can say you FLOOZY’S are a whore? I will find that open-air preacher and report him to our investigation department for calling you HUSSY’S and HARLOTS a whore. Now....what else did he say?”

There are just a few to help bolster the kingdom of God, hope that helps you.

NEVER.....EVER.....TRUST A CROWD!



Remember the same crowd that said **"Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest"** (Lk.19: 38) was now the same mob now yelling: **"crucify him, crucify him"** (Lk.23: 21) a few days later.

NOTE TO SELF: Never trust a crowd.

A crowd can turn into a mob in under 2.5 seconds, if not sooner. One second they may laugh at what you have said then the next minute they will call the police on you or attack you.

Here are a few verses with crowds in the Bible:

Great multitudes followed Jesus (Mat. 8:1)

Herod feared the gathering of people (Mat.14:5)

Jesus had compassion on the multitude (Mat.15:32)

Great multitudes began turning against each other (Mat.20:29-33)

Chief priests and Pharisees feared the swarm of people (Mat.21:46)

Crowds astonished at Jesus' doctrine (Mt.22:33)

Masses throng Jesus (Mk.3:1)

Multitude crying aloud to crucify him (Mk.5:8-13)

Wagging their heads, mocking Jesus (Mk.5:29-31)

Teaching his disciples around innumerable multitudes of people (Lk.12:1)

Crowd led Jesus to Pilate (Lk.23:1)

Mocking on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:13)

The crowd that heard Stephens message turned into a mob and gnashed on him with their teeth and stoned him (Acts 7:54-58)

Jews were envious of the crowds when Paul preached (Acts 13:14-15)

Multitude of the city divided over the preaching (Acts 13:4)

Crowds kept silence with Paul and Barnabas testimony (Acts 15:12)

Angry mob rose up against Paul and Silas (Acts 16:22)

No small stir made, so there was a BIG stir that was made (Acts 19:23)

Paul comes to town and the whole city was filled with confusion (Acts 19:28)

Paul's preaching causes all Jerusalem to be in an uproar (Acts 21:30)

Tumult is fruit of preaching (Acts 21:34)

Paul before the Sanhedrin and causes dissension between the Pharisee and Sadducee, with the multitude divided (Acts 21:7)

Here is a PEARL from king David writes; "I will greatly praise the Lord with my mouth; yea, I will praise him among the multitude" (Ps.119:30)

The modern-day Pharisee will judge your preaching by the reaction of the crowd. They will use heathen as a gauge to see if God is behind your words. "Look at the people, they are laughing and mocking, no one is listening to you" they say. You must understand, as an outdoor preacher you must NEVER trust a crowd.

LIKE YOU I AM ALWAYS ASKED "HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE YOU LED TO THE LORD TODAY WITH YOUR METHOD OF PREACHING?"



My response is very simple and this PEARL is for you to use. I have led everyone that walks by me to the Lord. **FACT:** they have seen the banner, heard the preaching, read my shirt and avoided my tracts with reason. Therefore, it is safe to assume they now know and the real question would be, just what are they going to do with that information, as the ball is now in their court. Bottom line, I led everyone to the Lord. Even those who saw me and decided to walk around me and avoid me, knew what I was doing and preferred not hear, did make a decision

Open air preaching is 100% successful as no sinner can plead ignorant before God. If they listen or not, is not up to us, if that were the case. Then Noah failed, because he only had seven people follow him inside that wooden Ark.

WHERE IS YOUR FRUIT RUBEN?



Think street preachers have no fruit?

Think again, the reason so many people come to the Lord and fill those Churches is due to other peoples hard toil of breaking that ground, planting those seeds, watering that seed and fertilizing said seed only to have another reap our harvest as per John 4:38; "I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours"

That is a PEARL of a verse.

What is reaped is a direct result from another person's labor where you have not worked much. We have a personal interest in that soul saved and are angry with what you are doing to our hard word. You leaven those people, you have lied to that person, you do not remind them of fruit meet for repentance and holiness. You have them sit in a pew, take their money and do not know their personal life, they have no Holy Ghost nor do they read and study the Bible as you spoon feed them for decades. And you wonder WHY we are angry with the local Church and WHAT you have done to our labor, where you benefited from our labor and not allowed the Father to give growth.

We take issue with that and YOU, as you walk around with your baskets filled yelling at us "where is your fruit, see mine?" You have only reaped from our labor where you have never bestowed labor.



That ground was rocky once before God started a work in them. Someone gave that sinner a tract, invited them to Church, prayed for them, maybe they were raised by Christian parents and had gone to Church. We have preached to them in public, on the sidewalk, a campus or outside an event. Our work appears vain, because you have picked fruit prematurely, you have allowed that fruit to sit then fall to the ground, bruised and filled with worms. And you have the audacity to point to us and say "Where is your fruit"

**"But we will not boast of things without our measure, but according to the measure of the rule which God hath distributed to us, a measure to reach even unto you"
1Co.10:13**

"I QUESTION YOUR MOTIVE RUBEN"



I don't know about you but I always have people question my motive for preaching. If a person's motive for preaching is not love, would he be considered in error? If so here is a PEARL you may give, as the Apostle Paul may be in danger, because he was moved by 'terror' to preach, witness and debate men into the kingdom.

"Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences"
2 Corinthians 5:11

TO PRAY OR NOT TO PRAY....



How often do you hear believers say or write, "we need to pray for them' or 'I will pray for that person to get saved' and the famous 'I will pray for you.' In many circles, this sounds very spiritual and even considered the right thing to do. But allow me to balance out something on that nice saying and rightly divide. Did you know there are times we **SHOULD NOT PRAY** for people?

How unloving you say or think, well that was marching orders from God, for example, He told Jeremiah **"Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up cry nor prayer for them, neither make intercession to me: for I will not hear thee"** Jeremiah 7:16

And again He said....

"Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up a cry or prayer for them: for I

**will not hear them in the time that they cry unto me for their trouble”
Jeremiah 11:14**

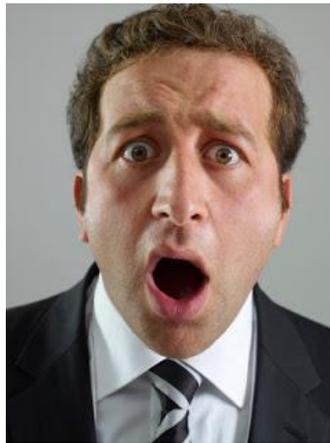
And just for good measure for those of you that have a hard time believing such, He said again to Jeremiah; “Then said the LORD unto me, Pray not for this people for their good”

Did you get that PEARL? God saying not to pray for certain people, well that’s a sermon you will not hear on Sundays anytime soon.

It has been my understanding that most people that say they pray for you, will most likely forget after one prayer and those who never say anything or write anything, will pray often. Which is the way it should be, no need to promote to everyone that you will pray, just do so and God will reward you openly. That’s the way it works. Pray if you must, but keep it to yourself, unless you want everyone to know and it is only done to be seen of men.

Then there are times we are not to pray, as even Jesus said to His disciples; “I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine” John 17:9

How unloving for Jesus to (A) make that statement and (B) the Holy Ghost inspire John to write it and remind us of that. Unless of course God wanted us to know this and obey this.



Try saying ‘I will not pray for that person or people’ on a facebook page, youtube site or Christian chat-room, maybe during Sunday school and Church service. You will be instantly rebuked for being cruel or callous, you will be called unChrist like and unloving. But never ‘thanked’ for being Biblical and obeying God. Here is a NEWS FLASH; you are not obligated to even say “Amen” after a prayer. By saying “Amen” for in doing so, you just agreed to it or signed your name to said prayer and not every prayer is getting my agreement.

Just trying to give balance to a Bipolar Christianity, there are times that you are not obligated to pray for everyone as I submit just a few verses from the Masters Table, for mouths with teeth to chew.

WHY IS THERE SO MUCH CONFUSION WHEN YOU PREACH, RUBEN?



How often do we hear this, when we preach?

As many believers will look at the reaction of the crowd and accuse your preaching of being pure chaos. What real Christian will look at what sinners say and use that to judge if what you are saying is of God. Anyone who does that is judging by appearance and not righteous judgment.

Some will even quote 1Corinthians 14:33 to make their point against you; **"For God is not the author of confusion"**

Here is a PEARL that will clarify this.

God is clearly not the 'author of confusion' as that all started with satan in the Garden when he lied to Eve and told her what God had said. That was the author, but never say God will not use confusion Himself.

If you do, you would have issues with the Tower of Babel, as God personally used confusion and stopped that tower from being built.

We find the after the Apostle Paul preached in town, the whole city was 'filled with confusion' (Acts 19:28). That was the reaction to his preaching as that city was living in sin-harmony and after he finished preaching, there was clarity or from their side of the fence confusion.

Paul's preaching causes all Jerusalem to be in an uproar (Acts 21:30)

There was tumult from open air preaching (Acts 21:34)

Paul before the Sanhedrin, causes dissension between the Pharisee and Sadducee (Acts 21:7)

Mayhem should be considered GOOD FRUIT from your outdoor preaching, as most believers try to couple outdoor preaching to pulpit preaching, where people sit quietly or shout "Amen" and "Preach it Brother!"

Is it any wonder there is confusion when we preach, as everyone believes a certain lie and you show up proclaiming truth. That can be a bit confusing to those living a lie.

....**BUT I LOVE.....YOU.....**



It is very common for preachers to say while preaching with a crackly voice something like "I weep for the lost sinner" as they wipe their eye. As this is going to prove their love for the lost. May I ask, why do the sinners get the tear and not God?

Why is the main theme of us weeping solely for the sinners and no emotion towards what God feels? Mankind has hurt God. Mankind has lied to God. Mankind has caused God to be angry. God has emotions too, as we read where God is sadden, joyful, anger, jealous, loving, hateful, grieved, forgiving, just, disappointed, He was grieved, has sorrow and even been shocked to name a few.

I have seen many youtube clips where young open-air preachers boast of how much they love the sinner and how much they pray for the sinner and how long it took them to travel just to preach to those sinners. As they wipe a tear from their crocodile eye.

I say, nominate them for an 'Academy Award' as who cares how much you love sinners, we are not the issue, God is. The heathen should know about God's love towards mankind, not your love. He is the one that gave His only begotten Son, it's not about you.

This may sound un-loving, but here it goes. When I preach in public, it is His emotion that flows in my veins and it is His Holy Ghost that inspires me to proclaim, as I am moved by His presents and not by sinners.

If I weep it is rarely for the lost, it is for God and what our God is going though at this time. It is for what our God is thinking at this moment when He looks on the street of America and I will say, it is not good. Call me selfish, but I feel for God and not the heathen. I have great sentiment of what my God is concerned about rather than what sinners think.

Think God does not have feelings, THINK AGAIN, here are just a few verses from both Old and New Testaments:

**"And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart"
Gen.6:6**

David did a census; "And God was displeased with this thing"

1Chr.21:7

Isaiah wrote; "But they rebelled, and vexed his holy Spirit: therefore he was turned to be their enemy, and he fought against them"

Is 63:10

It grieved God that He have made Saul king

1Sam.15:11

Paul warns not to grieve the Holy Spirit of God

Eph 4:30

The writer of Hebrews gave a history lesson of Moses in the wilderness 40 years and we read; "Wherefore I was grieved with that generation" and "But with whom was he grieved forty years? was it not with them that had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness?" Hebrews chapter 3

So the next time you are overwhelmed with sinners mocking God and are ready to cry for their souls, consider what God is feeling. Perhaps you will get inspired to preach a different message besides "Jesus loves you" or "Have you ever told a lie?"

"Who will rise up for me against the evildoers? or who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?"

COURT ROOM TERMINOLOGY



Ever noticed words like; witness, testify, testimony, false witness, proof, books, judge, terror, judgment, plead, mercy, shame.....do these sound familiar? Where do these words belong?

If you guessed in a courtroom, you are right. However we do find those same words in the Bible.

Coincidence?

No, maybe there is a reason, perhaps God is making ready for Judgment Day. We may be called to 'witness' against the few or many humans we have preached too, as you may be called to the stand to give your 'testimony' against those who rejected the Cross and we might see their judgment as they condemn themselves and beg the heavenly court for leniency. We could also see those who gave a 'false witness' and did not tell the truth of God and His standard or withheld information to be their friends.

Be advised, those court room terms are there for a reason, not a typo or accident.

"And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment"

Hebrews 9:27

DEBATING THE BIBLE



If only I had a dollar for every time someone said to me; "It is not our job to argue and debate, that is the job of the Holy Spirit." Well, Jude must have missed Sunday school that day because he writes; "It was NEEDFUL for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should EARNESTY CONTEND for the faith" (Jude :3)

We find many verses in the Bible where we are exhorted to debate issues. "Come now, and LET US REASON TOGETHER, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow" (Is.1:18)

"DEBATE THY CAUSE with thy neighbor himself" (Pr.25:9)

"Produce your cause, saith the LORD; bring forth your strong reasons" (Is.41:21)

How can anyone who reads the Gospels and not find where Jesus debated in almost every other chapter of the Gospels. Not only did Jesus argue, He would answer a question with a question or name call. I'm sure he would have been accused of using ad hominem tactics, here are few examples of how our Lord contended for the faith.

"The baptism of John, whence was it? From heaven, or of men? And they reasoned with themselves" (Mat.21:23-27)

"Then come unto him the Sadducees...and they asked him, saying....And Jesus answering said unto them Do ye not therefore ERR, because ye know NOT THE SCRIPTURES, NEITHER THE POWER OF GOD? And one of the scribes came, and

Having heard them REASONING together...asked him...And Jesus answered him...And the scribe said....And when Jesus saw that he answered discreetly, he said unto him....." (Mark 12:18-34

"Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world...the Pharisees therefore said unto him, Thou bearest record of thyself...Jesus answered..... And said....then said they unto him....Jesus answered...then said Jesus again unto them....then said the Jews....and he said unto them....then they said unto him...Then said Jesus to those Jews...they answered him....Jesus answered hem...the answered him...Jesus saith unto them...then said they to him...Jesus said unto them..Then answered the Jews....Jesus answered....then said the Jews...Jesus answered....Then said the Jews...Jesus said unto them....then took they up stones to cast at him but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them and so passed by" (John 8:12-59)

The Jesus of the Bible ARGUED and debated in public and not behind a pulpit or under a chandelier, in front of a seated audience where he sold His book and DVDs.

Why the body of Christ has buried this talent of debating, is foreign to me. But, ever Saturday at an elders meeting in any church, there will heavy debate and dispute, not on Bible verses or doctrine, but what type of donuts they should have at the next elders meeting.

Christians will debate sports, politics, current events but not the kingdom of God.....go figure?

There is a man named John the Baptist, who seemed to debate in public; "But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance: And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham. And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire" Mat.3:7-10

Now this seems very combative John, where's the love big guy? John used their own argument against them "And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father" and there is goes name calling "O generation of vipers." Now this is the same man that called the king an "adulterer" and was jailed, so maybe John's has issues with trying to control an argument?

We find more debating in the Book of Acts, with Stephen who was full of faith and power; "And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake" 6:10

Paul was persecuted for debating Jesus and continued; "And he spake boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus, and disputed against the Grecians: but they went about to slay him" 9:29

Paul in Jerusalem; "Now when the congregation was broken up, many of the Jews and religious proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas: who, speaking to them PERSUADED them to continue in the grace of God" 13:43

Peter address to the council; "And when there had been MUCH DISPUTING, Peter rose up, and said unto them, Men and brethren" 15:7

Paul in Thessalonica; "And Paul, as in his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days REASONED with them out of the scriptures" 17:2

Paul in Athens; "Therefore disputed he in the synagogue with the Jews, and with the devout persons, and in the market DAILY with them that met with him" 17:17

Paul in Corinth; "And he REASONED in the synagogue every Sabbath, and PERSUADED the Jews and the Greeks" 18:4

Paul accused by the Jews; "Saying, this fellow persuadeth men to worship God contrary to the law" 18:13

After Paul sailed from Syria; "And he came to Ephesus, and left them there: but he himself entered into the synagogue, and reasoned with them" 18:19

Paul debating in the synagogue; "And he went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, DISPUTING AND PURSUADING the things concerning the kingdom of God. But When divers were hardened, and believed not, but spake evil of that way before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, DISPUTTING daily in the school of one Tyrannus" 19:8-9

Paul making no small stir about that way; "Moreover ye see and hear, that not alone at Ephesus, but almost throughout all Asia, this Paul hath persuaded and turned away much people, saying that they be No gods, which are made with hands" 19:26

Paul reasoning with Governor Felix; "And as he REASONED of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix TREMBLED, and answered, Go thy way for this time" 24:25

Paul before Agrippa; "Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian." (Here King Agrippa was almost influenced by Paul's words to become a Christian. Note that this word Christian is not a loose word, it's only mentioned 3 times in the whole Bible. Unlike today where he's a Christian, she's a Christian, everybody is a Christian! Three times only, and this is one with the context of persuading people)

Paul in Rome; "And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into his lodging; to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening" 28: 23

It is undisputed that disputing is Biblical.

ALL SIN IS THE SAME, RUBEN



A side from the 'God is Love' and 'Judge Not' that I hear on the street, people habitually tell me "Ruben all sin is the same sin."

Oh how often do we hear that one?

There are degrees of sin, much like there are degrees of bad fruit. Still bad fruit, but different levels of decomposing. Also there will be degrees of judgment for certain sin, as not all sin is the same sin and not everyone will receive the same judgment. This should be Street Preaching 101.

Bible aside, even with our land laws there are degrees of criminals. For example the person that steals a candy bar from the local 711 store is not the same criminal as one who murdered three people for drugs. Both are offenders no doubt and have committed a crime, yet their crimes are not the same, as there are degrees. Same principle is applied with sin. All have sinned and as a result we will all die, but there are degrees of said sin and death.

Jesus said; **"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye devour widow's houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the GREATER DAMNATION"** (Mat.23:14)

Again He said; **"Which devour widow's houses, and for a pretence make long prayers: these shall receive GREATER DAMNATION."** (Mk.12:40)

Did you read that? '**GREATER DAMNATION**' which means there will be certain sin and people that we might judged and damned harder, as James understood this when he wrote; 'My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation' (James 3:1)

It is very clear that there are degrees of judgment for the degrees of sin against God. Most sinners will get the red flame hellfire and those who God considers more wicked will get the blue flame of hellfire.

We find several verses in the Gospels where the words "publicans and sinners" are used. Meaning publicans were not even considered a regular sinner, they were so bad they had their own label. If all sin were the same, why were they just all called 'sinners?' Publicans are sinners too, right? Not according to the Bible, as they were measured lower than a sinner and on the food chain of sin. There are degrees of sin to ears that can hear.

"And when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto his disciples, why eateth your Master with PUBLICANS AND SINNERS?" (Mat.9:11)

Here's more:

"The son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, behold a man gluttonous, and a winebibber, a friend of PUBLICANS AND SINNERS. But wisdom is justified of her children." (Mat.11:19)

"And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an HEATHEN MAN AND A PUBLICAN." (Mat.18:17)

The publican is addressed specifically, could his sin be worse than a regular sinner? Here is something amusing, Matthew himself was a publican and he pointed this out in his own Gospel; **"Now the names of the twelve apostles are these; The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, AND MATTHEW THE PUBLICAN; James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus; Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him." (Mat.10:2-4)**

The Apostle Paul understood degrees of sinners

"This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief" (1Tim.1:15)

Why would Paul use the word 'chief' if all sin were the same?

We find some sins coupled with the word 'abomination' to it, these are transgressions God considers hateful and takes very personal, beyond regular sin. God hates the 'worker of iniquity' as per Psalm 5:5 and not everyone 'works' at their sin. There are certain sinners that rearrange their schedule to sin, save money to sin, fly or drive to another city to sin, hence 'work' at sinning. This sinner is more of a sinner than the sinner who gets tempted and falls, as God clearly hates this 'worker of iniquity.' Degrees of sin to eyes that can see.

Still think all sin is the same, well let me give you another PEARL.

The 10 Commandments have an order of appearance that means something to a holy God, as in No other gods, no worshipping of graven images and not taking God's name in vain, as these sins are ranked 1, 2 and 3 of the Ten. Coveting from your neighbor is not number one, murdering another human is not number two and lying is not considered number three. These are still God's Commandments and should not be broken, but He does have an order of appearance, with reason.

If you obey the first four Commandments which are designed for God Himself, you will love God with all your heart and if you obey the next six Commandments which are designed for mankind, you will love your neighbor. Thus, obeying those two commandments one can fulfill all 10. The Ten Commandments can clearly demonstrate the degrees of disobedience from the standpoint of God.

WHY DOESN'T THE CHURCH USE THE 'R' WORD ANYMORE?



That is a question I often get asked. Why is it the modern day Church does not preach against sin nor use the word 'repent' as we find so many examples in the Word of God? And do I ever get depressed that I don't have many Christians that want to team up with me and stand with me?

Both these questions have almost the same answer. The main reason many believers do not preach repentance against sin is because they live in sin. They can not with a pure conscience speak against something they partake of. The 'beam' is still in their eye and they should not remove that piece of wood from another until they can see clearly as per Matthew 7. Verily, they are unworthy and unfit to preach repentance. As to your second question, well I believe they should not come out and preach against sin when they abide in that same sin themselves. I like it this way, as the last thing I want is to have someone living in sin in our ranks. There is no authority or command in their words if they live in sin, so it is beneficial to us that they keep off the field as their presents can bring sin in the camp and quench the Holy Ghost. A person living in sin is more app to preach on love, mercy and forgiveness than that judgment and hellfire.

You want a preaching PEARL? If you desire power and force behind your words, live holy. If you wish not to live and walk holy, there will be no virtue in what you are saying. This alone should provoke us to live sanctified.

**"Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord"
Hebrews 12:14**

WHO IS REALLY THE DISOBEDIENT ONE?



I raise this question from a story found in Mark chapter one, where we find a leper **'beseeching'** Jesus **'and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.'** Now this person took a risk, walking around and talking to others as a leper, you were considered 'unclean' by the law among clean people and that crime was worthy of death.

Yet Jesus had **'compassion'** on him and even touched him saying **"I will; be thou clean."** And this touching and putting forth the hand made Jesus officially unclean as you can not touch these people.

Mark writes; **"And as soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed."** There was no emotional healing first a spiritual healing needed before he can get completely healed, nor did this person needed more faith and \$upport the Jesus ministry to get that full healing, it was done RIGHT NOW.

There was no demon that was cast out. There was no "go and sin no more" that was said. There was no renounced your past. Hands were laid and this person and he received a instant healing.....however their was fine print.....as Jesus said; **"And he straitly charged him, and forthwith sent him away; And saith unto him, See thou say nothing to any man: but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing those things which Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them"**

For that healing our Lord just directed the leper to tell NO ONE ANYTHING and show himself to the priests as they will confirm that they disease is gone and that person according to the law will be officially clean.

In all, he was commanded to do just 32 words, what a bargain, what a deal, right? But Mark writes this leper; **"went out, and began to publish it much, and to blaze abroad the matter".....WHAT?**

Can you believe this? What an ingrate, he was told not to say anything and this guy was burning up ears talking about Jesus, this guy was on starting fires for Jesus, he **'blaze abroad'** what Jesus did for him. What a rebellious, insubordinate person, he is.

BUT WAIT THERE IS MORE.....

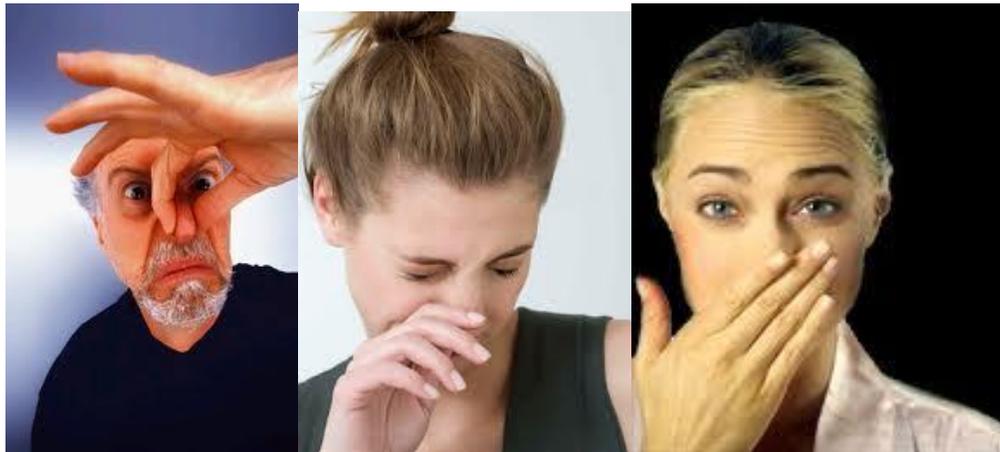
Now fast forward to the year 2012. Where we believers have the bloody cross, the empty tomb, the Bible, we can be FILLED with the Holy Ghost, free speech on public sidewalks and we are commission to preach the Gospel. Yet say nothing or at best very little.

As I asked, just who is really the disobedient one, the leper who was a blazing fire for what Jesus did or the believer today that claims to be baptized with fire, filled with the Holy Ghost and says nothing to most people they meet about Jesus?

Now let me add a little salt to the abrasion, this leper was only healed, he later died. We however, have this good news and it is ETERNAL and to say nothing to anyone or at best very little.

Again, I say YOU would be the disobedient one before God?

YOUR GOSPEL IS TOO OFFENSIVE!



Anyone that open-air preaches has heard that once or five times a month. Let us look and see what PEARLS we find in the scripture regarding offending people, mainly those that live in sin.

Jesus said, "Woe unto the world because of OFFENCES! For IT MUST NEEDS BE that offences come; but WOE to THAT MAN by whom the offence come!" Matthew 18:7

The "Woe" is not for the person who said something offensive, the "Woe" is to that person easily offended, as it must happen as per "for it must needs be". The word 'woe' is not a blessing or a form of glee but rather a curse, agony, hurt or misery to someone. This word was use often in the Old Testament and within the Book of Revelation, even Jesus used it several times Himself.

"Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes"

"Woe unto you that are full! for ye shall hunger. Woe unto you that laugh now! for ye shall mourn and weep"

Jesus offended many people:

Look what Peter says about our Lord; "Peter answered and said unto him. Though ALL MEN shall be offended because of thee, yet will I never BE OFFENDED"

(Mat.26:33)

Jesus offends in Nazareth -Matthew 13:57

Jesus offended the Pharisees -Matthew 15:12

All Men were offended -Matthew 26:33

Emotional Christians will be offended -Mark 4:17

The rich young ruler was offended -Mark 10:22

Jesus prepares his disciples for those being offended -John 16:1

Jesus offended His disciples John 6:61

Peter and Paul refers to Jesus as a " stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence"

1Peter 2:8 Romans 9:33

Jeremiah understood this concept of being an offense to those ears that heard him;

"To whom shall I speak, and give warning, that they may hear? behold, their ear is uncircumcised, and they cannot hearken: behold, the word of the LORD is unto them a reproach; they have no delight in it" Jer.6:10

"For since I spake, I cried out, I cried violence and spoil; because the word of the LORD was made a reproach unto me, and a derision, daily"

Jer.20:8

"Woe is me, my mother, that thou hast borne me a man of strife and a man of contention to the whole earth! I have neither lent on usury, nor men have lent to me on usury; yet every one of them doth curse me"

Jer.15:10

My advice to any open air preacher is DO NOT OFFEND God. If God gives you a message to speak, do so as I do not care if I offend the world, my soul does not wish to offend our Holy Father. Hope you will use these PEARLS and be edified for they are not for swine or dogs as per Matthew 7:6; "Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you"

