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Sat 2Dec 2017 copied off FB post by Tom James .

Tom's Post was:

**"WHY IS IT WHEN A BELIEVER GET ON FIRE FOR GOD THE BIGGEST ENEMY IS HIS OWN CHURCH (religion ?)"** (1Timothy 4:19-17) :

Graham Healy commentary in RED :

Ps Robert Vincent Richardson comments:

This is not a criticism, but simply an observation that can be remedied.

As a leader, do you demand loyalty or do you deserve it?

Good shepherding leadership draws loyalty. When we develop good strong relationships between each other that requires loyalty, faithfulness, obedience, adherence, steadfastness, dependability, trustworthiness, duty, commitment and patriotism; it's pretty hard to break that relationship because the above creates such a strong bond.

What type of relationship would require such loyalty? Definitely our relationship with God; our marriage (if you're married) and our immediate family and the Body of Christ.

What has changed over the years that has lessened the loyalty factor in church life?

**One word has changed the culture of loyalty, "LEADERSHIP".**

Today we are experiencing a different type of church leadership that is becoming inherent, built-in, inborn, ingrained and is also becoming deep-rooted and fundamental to our Christian leadership philosophy. **Could it be that today we are producing CEO's, not shepherd/leaders, not pastors and definitely not mentors that believe in the supernatural power of God operating within and without the church?**

This is absolutely the case I have observed over the last 30 years or so the church of 2017 is right off track, in fact, I will go so far as to say religion has got a hold of the Church in the form of a Jezebel controlling spirit, lets call it for what it is and not "pussy foot around" 'power and control' is the order of the day and this is NOTHING TO DO WITH THE HOLY GHOST PERIOD !GH

**Shepherd/Leaders changing position...**

We will find; and it's already been happening for some time, that leaders will change positions like football players change clubs. **We are not producing leaders that believe in the "Call of God" but rather leaders that believe in themselves and what's good for them rather than the people they lead.** A strong sense of wanting power and control rather than being a true servant of God seems to be the norm.

Excuse me "Power and Control" is that the "fruit of which spirit"? Certainly not the Holy Spirit GH

Mutuality is seen as a form of weakness and a strong leader is seen as one **who becomes aloof from the people they lead and one who makes decisions on behalf of their congregations without any consultation.**

Yes its "one way traffic" a dictatorship, I mean call it for what it is **BASED ON FEAR** of the so called leadership again **GUILTY OF NO HOLY SPIRIT INVOLVEMENT** really at the end of the day Mathew 23 summarises what Jesus says about RELIGION GH

Henri Nouwen who wrote, "In the Name of Jesus" says;

**"When the members of a community of faith cannot truly know and love their shepherd, shepherding quickly becomes a subtle way of exercising power over others and begins to show authoritarian and dictatorial traits.**

The world in which we live; a world of efficiency and control; has no models to offer to those who want to be shepherds. Even the so-called "helping professions" have been so thoroughly secularized that mutuality can only be seen as weakness and a dangerous form of role confusion. **The leadership about which Jesus speaks is a radically different kind from the leadership offered by the world. It is servant leadership – to use Robert Greenleaf's term – in which the leader is a vulnerable servant who needs the people as much as they need him**

or her.”

Really? this is a true business model where the CUSTOMER COMES FIRST and as a business owner you are a servant of the customers and that's how it works in the World (small to medium business) I'm not talking multinational corporations here (that are part of the Globalist system of the new world order) I'm talking about every day common business, the corner store, etc.

HOW COULD THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST HAVE GONE SO TERRIBLY WRONG? GH

He continues to say...

**“One thing is clear to me: the temptation of power is greatest when intimacy is a threat. Much Christian leadership is exercised by people who do not know how to develop healthy, intimate relationships and have opted for power and control instead. Many Christian empire-builders have been people unable to give and receive love.”**

Unable to Give and receive Love ? this is correct ,unable to communicate or build real relationships ITS PATHETIC and NOT OF GOD PERIOD as GOD is LOVE ! GH

When we read Zech.11:16, we realize that we are almost producing what this scripture says;

**"For I am going to raise up a shepherd over the land who will not care for the lost, or seek the young, or heal the injured, or feed the healthy, but will eat the meat of the choice sheep, tearing off their hooves."**

What is a good shepherd leader? Well, the reverse of Zech.11:16.

**What then can be done?**

**We can start producing good solid leaders, shepherds and pastors through good solid discipleship who will, "Care for the Lost" "Seek the Young" "Heal the Injured" & "Feed the Healthy".** If we do this, most people will naturally want to be loyal. We must bring back the necessity of the "Call of God" and develop shepherd/leaders that will genuinely seek God **for a position to serve rather than a position to enhance their future career.**

Sounds good but I have only one word for all of the above **REPENT NOW OR BE JUDGED BY THE LORD! GH**

There is another factor more important than any of our observations.

**The preaching of the true meaning of the cross, this is the most central doctrine of all theology.** The revelation of true justification by faith in what Christ accomplished at the cross. Not by my works, but by faith in Christ Jesus. I remember when I got the revelation of the cross and knew that all my sins past, present and future were paid for. Jesus took them upon His account and I was crucified with Him and it's no longer I who live but Christ Jesus who lives in me and through me. I am a new creation, old things have past away, all things have become new, I am Born Again. **Too many today are working for there salvation, they say, "If only I fasted more or prayed more God would be pleased with me." This is wrong thinking and brings us back to the law not grace.**

Did you know because you gave your heart to Jesus that Father will be eternally pleased with you, He is besotted with you because you never let His Son's sacrifice go to waste.

Absolutely correct statement above , the whole system is RELIGIOUS and forgotten the TRUE EMPOWERMENT OF THE EXCHANGE AT THE CROSS ie YOUR SIN for the RIGHTEOUSNESS of JESUS instead of being ON FIRE FOR JESUS you get a religious labotomy and turned into a robot by the "SYSTEM" cybermen as I call them GH

Also, there is a strong need to recognize and identify leaders and their God given gifts in our Bible Colleges and churches.

I remember as a soldier I attended a Junior Leaders Course that determined whether or not you were capable of leading troops; they also taught us how to identify leaders. Two things emerged out of the course; one, I found out that I was a leader and two, when I became a Christian the principles of identifying leaders and particular gifts in people are almost identical. **We found that some of the best leaders and gifted people were people who appeared to be frustrated or seemingly rebellious.**

Frustrated because Like King David, and the Lord himself **YOU CAN SEE THROUGH THE RELIGION** for what it IS a CONTROL ACT ! GH

### **The need for true godly mentors.**

This really speaks for itself, but the operative word being "Godly" and of course one who has seen and experienced Christianity at its best and at its worse. I know of many that can fulfil this role. If only they can take on but one it would make such a difference. **I know many of them are considered by some to be too old for such a task, because they feel they wouldn't be up with the times. Well, that's not what true mentoring is all about. True mentoring is about building the heart and mind of the one they have taken on, so that they can run the race and cross the line without burning out and crumbling into a heap. Oh how we need these mentors.**

The Reality is that MENTORS are the biblical system of Elders and fathers in the faith passing on the anointing .

TODAYS 2017 CHURCH HAS NO RESPECT FOR THE ANOINTING or FATHERS IN THE FAITH and therefore as I have said in my commentary only has two choices :

REPENT NOW or BE JUDGED BY THE LORD ! and I'm afraid the arrogance I have seen it will be JUDGED BY THE LORD!

I see the Holy Ghost PURGING HIS CHURCH in 2018 like a Donald Trump WRECKING BALL and many of these self appointed pastors and so called Leaders EXPOSED and on their KNEES crying out to GOD for FORGIVENESS.and many will be REMOVED from ministry and they should have never been there in the first place .

MINISTRY IS NOT A CAREER MOVE ITS A CALL OF GOD!

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