



Sons Of Issachar Edition!

A Newsletter for those who understood the times and knew what to do!

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Dear Friends,

Why the Long Face?

One day I was walking along and saw my horse looking at me from across the fence. I walked up to him and looked him in the eye and asked, “Why the long face?” I could ask a dozen Christians during a Sunday service that very same question. You had thought they had eaten sour grapes the way they sit and stare at their brothers and sisters.

I think it would be grand if everyone had a chance to stand up in front of everyone and preach. Maybe getting a look at the people would make you sit up and wonder about a few things. If Paul and Silas had had such long faces as some church members have on them when they went into the Philippians jail, the jailer would never have been saved.

The matter with a lot of people is that their religion is not complete. They have not yielded them selves to God and gone all out for God and God’s truth. Sometimes I feel that if people laughed it would break their faces all to pieces. A happy, smiling, sunny-faced Christian will win more people to Jesus Christ than a sour faced one will in a hundred years.

Why is it that so many in the body look like they have a toothache? You couldn’t have been that way around Paul. He sang songs when they had beaten him and threw him in prison. He wasn’t one to sit around moaning and groaning waiting for the sweet by and by.

‘Oh, laugh and the world laughs with you,
Weep and you weep alone;
‘Tis easy enough to be pleasant
When life moves along like a song’
But the man worthwhile is the man who can smile
When everything goes dead wrong.’

Three Kings and only one throne!

So why is it that we struggle so much with being content in life? Paul mentioned in Philippians 4:12 that he had learned the ‘secret’ of being content in any and all situations. Maybe we all need a dose of Paul secret. Many of us in the Church struggle and would be happy to be content in just one-situation much less *any and all* situations.

If you sit around being sour faced all day long its because your religion is not complete. You may have stood up all right asking Jesus to be your Lord and Savior but he ended up being just your Savior and not your Lord. You short-changed yourself and your living half a gospel. If you don’t think so the proof is written all over your face at times.

I don’t know why you asked Jesus into your heart but for me it was because I was making a mess out of my life. I made a lousy King and my kingdom most of the time was not doing so well. It was then I came to understand that God had placed within the heart of every person a ‘God-Throne’ and I was trying to be the king on my throne and I wasn’t doing a very good job of it either.

Many of us only want Jesus on the throne when it is convenient. When you’re down and out and have nowhere to turn then you cry out and ask for the God of Elijah to come and help you! Most of us subconsciously share the God-Throne that is inside of us with others who are vying for the coveted God-Throne.

If God were on the throne we would be most blessed. If Satan were on the throne we would be pos-
sessed. But for most people they themselves are on the throne and that is why their lives are a mess.

Deception is so deceiving and self-deception is at work within us doing its dirty work each and every day. Self likes to let you think you have made Jesus, 'Lord' over your life even to the point of creat-
ing the illusion that self has abdicated the throne to Jesus. But self is deceiving you and has no plans to
give up that which it has struggled so long to hold on to. The reality of it all is that our greatest contender
for the throne is our 'selves'. Yes our 'self' since the moment we were born has declared war on God.
The war is over the issue, "Who is number One? Is it I or is it thou? I think it is I!"

Now 'self' is not evil. Self-turned toward God is the glory of letting Father God reveal Himself in us.
Self-turned away from God is the very darkness and fires of Hell. The object of this self is that we would
bring it as an empty vessel unto God; that He might put into it His life. God gave us the power of self-
determination, that we might bring this self every day and say; "God work in it' I offer it to you." God
wants a vessel into which he might pour out His divine fullness of beauty, wisdom and power.

Jesus says in **Luke 9:23**, *Then he said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must **deny
himself** and take up his cross daily and follow me.*

No one likes to be around a long faced sad sack of a person and if you don't want to have the long face
then lets look at three points that Jesus makes in Luke 9:23.

1. Deny himself: This is the crux of it all, deny 'self' that cursed self that tries to lord itself over
us each day believing it knows better than our beautiful Savior and Lord.
2. Take up his cross daily: Your cross that is made up of your life, the good, bad and the ugly
and carry it daily. Now if you're like me, carrying it 'daily' is graduate level so I have learned to
take up my cross 'hourly' or self will step in and take over.
3. Follow me: The most crucial part of His, being 'Lord' of our life is that we follow Him who is
King of Kings and Lords of Lords our friend and protector.

We need to get hold of our union to Christ; we need to believe in the new nature within each one
of us, that spiritual life which we have from Christ, a life that has died and been raised again. Remember
a man's acts are always in accordance with his idea of his state. A king acts like a king, otherwise we say,
"That man has forgotten his kingship," but if a man is conscious of being a king, he behaves like a king.

Sing and dance, laugh and enjoy the abundant life that has been made available to each one of
us, shake of the gloomy face and rejoice, we were once dead to sin and now have been made alive in Je-
sus.

With all our love,



***As we get ready for 2007 and the campaigns that are before Kingdom Life Ministry will
you consider joining ranks with us today in the work that is at hand.***

***Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under
compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to
you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every
good work. As it is written: "He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor; his righteous-
ness endures forever."***

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Thanks and God Bless

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