

What is Jesus Doing?

STOP PRETENDING

With the new “Christian” administration’s War on Compassion (I’m reading between the lines here but you have to be deaf, dumb and blind not to see it), I feel compelled to take the Trumpet that God gave me and blow it very loudly to wake up the sleeping Body of Christ.

Why are you more concerned about your “safety” and your comfortable lifestyle than you are about God’s Word? Are we not called to be defenders of the weak? God does not need us to defend Him in the schools, or the Government buildings by assuring that the word “God” is used regularly there. Our children will know God when they see us taking up our crosses daily and walking with the integrity we have in Christ Jesus!

The Lord gave us clear instructions as to how we are to conduct ourselves. America has been blessed by God not for its merit but by Grace alone. Should we not also display Grace as we have been given it? It is time for America to bless God in the way that He has requested. God has placed us as a lampstand to be a light of freedom in the darkness of ignorance and evil that has always existed worldwide. We honor God not by paying lip-service to Him or “defending” the unborn at the expense of the mother (never mentioned in the Bible), but by honoring and giving wholeheartedly to the poor and the disenfranchised among us and loving our neighbors as ourselves. If we as believers can also get out there and help bring down the barriers to adoption of unwanted children, perhaps these mothers will not be so quick to abandon their unborn children.

And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.

- Matthew 25:40

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Cursed is the one who perverts the justice due the stranger, the fatherless, and widow.’ “And all the people shall say, ‘Amen!’

- Deuteronomy 27:19

With the cynical end-run of the new “American Healthcare Act”, the charade that the so called “religious right” has perpetrated on our beloved country has become fully evident. The poor deserve to be considered above those who can afford healthcare, even if it is expensive. This is not to say that good, affordable healthcare should be made available to all Americans. I do believe that those with more resources should not consider it a burden to pay their fair share more so that those who are in need can also have that basic need.

The idea that wealth should be distributed to the top 2% of already wealthy individuals and corporations so that it will “trickle down” to the middle class and the poor is a con game and a lie devised by one of satan’s chief lieutenants, Mammon, in the pit of Hell. This is the love of money without even the slightest attempt to mask it. There is no room for the Pharisee in the Body of Christ!

For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

- 1 Timothy 6:10

Now the Pharisees, who were lovers of money, also heard all these things, and they derided Jesus.

- Luke 16:14

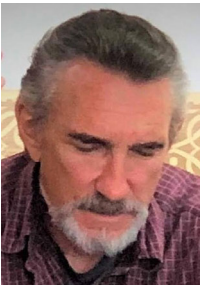
I have seen the indomitable spirit of poor individuals, families and mothers with children come through the homeless meals and shelters where I have been privileged to minister for twenty years.

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I have also seen the mentally ill without the possibility of meaningful treatment because of government programs rescinded callously to “save taxpayer dollars” only to be wasted elsewhere or thrown onto the pile of money that the top 2% of the most wealthy are amassing with the cynical suggestion that it will “trickle down” to the very people from whom it is being withheld.

There will always be some fraud and abuse in the subsidy system. The laws are already in place to prevent fraud. We must enforce those responsibly. But to suggest that all poor people are poor because of their own bad choices is to deny (and be in denial about) the simple fact that most people below the poverty line in America are either working in jobs that cannot meet their simple needs for shelter and food, or they are unable to work because of their mental condition. The others just need Jesus so that they can find their true selves and have the strength to move forward. The workers in the field are TOO FEW!

While Religion and Politics tend to make everything corporate and generic, with God every relationship is personal and specific. We must not look at “the poor” as some monolithic problem to be eradicated, but as brothers and sisters and children who need the basic help from the greater society that have plenty. The basics are shelter, food and good healthcare. The Bible says we are to care for the poor and the stranger among us. Let’s stop pretending otherwise for our own extra comfort. It’s just wrong.



*With love and hope for the Family of God,
- John Henry Raskin, Roadhouse Rabbi*