

Reality

Here is a question I think we all need to ask ourselves some times. Whose reality are we operating in? I submit to you that many times we buy into a false reality.

The definitions of reality follow:

1. the state or quality of being real.
2. resemblance to what is real.
3. a real thing or fact.
4. real things, facts, or events taken as a whole; state of affairs: the reality of the business world; vacationing to escape reality.
5. Philos a). something that exists independently of ideas concerning it.
b). something that exists independently of all other things and from which all other things derive.
6. something that is real.
7. Something that constitutes a real or actual thing, as distinguished from something that is merely apparent.

What types of reality do we operate in?

- # 1 Man's reality says that 'success is having happiness, money, power and / or control.'
- # 2 Satan's reality says 'if it feels good do it. To be fulfilled you need drugs, booze, sex, the bigger the quantity the better, it doesn't matter who you step on just so you get what you want. You must be number one!'
- # 3 God's reality says, 'Love Me with all your heart; serve Me. True peace and contentment comes from serving Me. Allow Me to take care of you and love you. I will supply all that you need.'

Many believers, depending on where they are in their walk, operate in all three of the above realities.

Be honest with yourself — which reality is in control or driving you? Is it the flesh with a desire to gain your identity out of your deeds or is it satan who tells you “happiness is you first and besides what's wrong with a joint here or there?”

Or are you operating in God's reality which says “more of me - less of you”?

Many believers never scrap the idea of 'me first'. Is that why so many never seem to go on in God? I believe in many cases its because we only know ABOUT God; we do not know Him. Another reason many believers do not go on is they never get rid of all of the access baggage they are carrying. You know, the baggage of fear, all of yesterday's hurts, or the blight of words that were spoken over you saying you would never succeed.

There is also the abuse some went through, or for others, it's the lie they are living. They know all the right Christian terms but they stand far off for fear that someone will find out their walk is not really a walk at all. It more of a hope, a prayer that they might have a slim chance of making it to heaven.

Another hindrance comes when people know a lot about scripture but they know very little about God's unconditional love. They try to force the law on others while all the time knowing it is killing them. They are under bondage and spend all the time trying do all the do's.

Another group, maybe without even realizing it, says, “God, not now”. I will do things my way. They tell God, “I want You to do this and that and if You don't show up the way I expect then You are not really there anyway”.

Or, if God shows up in a way that they think He would not— they say it the devil. I have heard so often over the last years, that those fanatical Christians who laugh or roll around or fall over or shake, do so because its from the devil. For those who are of that mindset, have you ever checked out the fruit of their lives? A large percentage of those people have fallen in love with God more and are praying with more power and are sharing their faith and leading more people to Jesus than most other Christians ever do.

Some others just will not give up control. They won't give up control of their time and they won't, even for one fleeting moment, ever want to give God control of their money. Friends, God's plan from the very beginning is that He wants things done His way. We need to be aware that God possesses all wealth, all love, all happiness, all success, all joy, all laughter, and all power. Man or satan can only produce poor counterfeits of these things.

We really need to come to grips with the idea that God is all powerful; He is, in fact, Supreme. God owns everything that is in the world

Ps 24:1 The earth is the LORD's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

1 Chr 29:11 Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all.

Matt 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

Would you like to operate in all that God has for you?

If you truly want to operate in His fullness— you can.

The biggest hindrance to you not walking in all that God has for you is lack of dedication. You must make a choice to do His will— not yours.

Gal 5:16-18 16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot DO the things that ye would.

18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

John 15:4-8

4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can DO nothing.

6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

Everything starts with us being grafted into Jesus. Unless we remain joined to Him, we cannot bear good fruit. Without Jesus, we can do nothing! With Him, we can do everything we have been called to do. Unless we remain in Jesus, not only will we not make it now, but we will never have everlasting life. You see Friends, God desires that you would bear much fruit for as you bear fruit the Father is glorified. God wants you to be His disciples. That means you are to do His will. We are no longer our own for He has purchased us with His shed blood.

I know many of you say, “I would like to but I have this problem” or “I am not ready” or “I can’t share that with anyone”. If you want to go on, I don’t care what is standing in the way. You can be free to continue your journey with God today. If you don’t want to, please don’t fool yourself. Its not that you can’t go on; its that you do not value going on.

Why don’t you allow God to have His way? Friends, we need to make a conscious choice to go on in God. For a moment, let’s think again about God’s resources. He has all love, all power. He has all wealth, in fact, God is all! God desires for His all to be in circulation. Are you allowing His all to be in circulation or are you hindering it? Let me put it this way. If you have a need and you are not letting God meet it, you are hindering His all from flowing. If you are not reaching out with His love and everything you have to those in need, whether it be spiritual or financial, you are hindering God’s all from working through you. We need to realize that God’s all is such that we cannot store or hoard it. His all is only beneficial when you give it away.

Be honest. Do you have a compassion for the lost or those in need or those that are hurting or lonely? Then let me challenge you to give away all that you have. So you don’t get crazy, as I said before, we must be Spirit-led. Don’t do what so many do and use that as an excuse for not doing anything.

For those who have lost or have never had Godly compassion, today is the day you can start to get it back if you want it. God’s very nature is to give. God desires that we would learn to be givers as well. We cannot out-give God. If you are afraid of not having enough money, then be obedient, Give and you will not lack. If you like not having enough then hoard it; it isn’t yours anyway.

Mal 3:10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

I believe there is a basic principle. Whether sharing money or sharing God’s love, as we give it away — we get it back many times more than we have given.

The world says get all you can; God says give away what you have. I believe that our actions show who we are serving. There are no shortages to God’s resources. If we would learn to give away God’s all, we could see our communities turned upside down for Jesus. If we start giving His all away, we will see a major out-pouring of God’s all. If we did our part, we would see a major out-pouring of His deliverance, His healing, His love and His finances.

For those of you who want to be loved, then give away what love you have. If Christians cease to give— we cease to live. When we stop giving, we start to die or we become stagnant.

Luke 6:38 give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

We see here that as we give, God replaces.

Here’s a rabbit trail for you. If God replaces what we give away, what happens if we treat others poorly or rob the church by withholding finances or we reach out with anger instead of love? What do we get back. God will entrust to us with as much as we will put in circulation for His glory. We should be excited and jumping up and down that God wants His all in circulation through us. God wants you to give away His love, His mercy, His money. What a blessing!

Besides, for you that are so tight in your giving, whether it be love or compassion or money — its really His. You must grasp this! We are giving away what is God’s. We are to be good stewards of God’s all.

1 Cor 4:1 let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.

2 moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.

Can you catch the thought? God wants us to be stewards of His all. What an awesome responsibility!

Let us no longer operate according to the world systems. The world's systems should make no sense to believers. For true reality is doing things God's way.

Some of you are so starved for God's love and compassion, you just do not know where to start. You are starving to be accepted for who you are rather than for who people think you are.

Some of you do not have much left, you are just hanging on.

Some of you have been used, abused and tossed away like an old rag doll.

Some of you have been misunderstood and lied about. Some of the hurt runs very deep.

Because of all of the pain you have been carrying, you have built up giant walls to protect yourself. The only thing wrong with these walls is that they keep the pain and hurt inside while keeping God's love and freedom out. Friends, God's way is to give. So why not give Him your all? Why not give Him everything today? We have been designed to give; man's ways have been to take and store and hoard. You see, no matter where you are in your walk with God, you can give. If you have lots of pain and many hurts, you can give them to God right now. Friends, we must learn to do all we do by revelation. Let's be givers according to Who God is. If you are lacking finances, stop looking at your check book to see what you can give. Instead, seek God for what He wants you to give. It is the same with reaching out with God's all. As we are lead by His revelation, the resources will always be there to cover the check. You will never again have an NSF cheque; you will never again be overdrawn. You will become the blessing to others that God has ordained for you to be. Let us start to put God's all into circulation and reach out to the seemingly unreachable, for in God we can and will reach them.

Seven Steps to Salvation

1. Acknowledge: "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Rom.3:23). "God be merciful to me a sinner" (Lk 18:13).

2. Repent: "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3). "Repent therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out" (Acts 3:19).

3. Confess: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness"(1 John 1:9).

4. Forsake: "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord... for he will abundantly pardon" (Isaiah 55:7).

5. Believe: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned"(Mark 16:16).

6. Receive: "He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:11;12).

7. Public confession: "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." (Romans 10:9, 10).

To make your eternal decision right now, pray the following prayer.

"Jesus, I make the choice to receive You as my Lord and Saviour. I confess that I have sinned and Jesus I ask You to come to rule and reign in my life. I accept Your sacrifice and ask that You give me Life. I turn from my old ways and choose to follow You. I yield my whole life to You. Please bring about Your plans for my life. In the name of Jesus, I pray."

If you have made this greatest of all decisions, please contact us and let us know so we may stand in prayer with you.