

Actions Speaks Better Than Words

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(John 13:35)

Speaking words is a clear language, but actions can have more profound effect than words. The following is an account of a man who came to know Jesus Christ not through words but through actions.

He is a man of 32 years old age; he was successful in his medical field, he had finished almost all his life time in studying medicine and devoted himself fully to work in that field. But inspite of such great devotion and success in study and in his profession he was not living a joyful life. He has no satisfaction. Although he had much but he was not enjoying what he was bless with. He had many plans but there is no hope and no future in anyone of them.

Exactly at this time of his life where he was empty from inside, lack of contentment and loaded with frustrations, he was invited to a Christmas dinner by a small group of believers in Jesus Christ. He was happy to go to that Christmas party because he missed the atmosphere of the family, the delicious food and the love and care of others. Since he enjoyed that fellowship of the believers he went out frequently with them in their out door fellowship and he was attracted with the followings: -

1) *They love one another:* Truly there was a genuine love among them. They care for each other; they help those who are weak and those in need. Although they were of different nations and they speak different languages, but they love one another as if they are one family. If some one is missing they remember him and look for him. If some one has a problem it is their problem, if some one is sick all are concern about him. And if someone receives a victory or success the whole group rejoicing and happy because they consider themselves one family.

2) *They live in holiness:* There is one thing that this man who does not know God had noticed. There is a clean and pure atmosphere among them. They don't lie or betray one another; they don't slander or cheat one another. There is no back biting or evil thinking that is present in the worldly community among them. In that small community of believers in Christ Jesus he found honesty, integrity, righteousness and justice. The people treat each other as brothers and sisters of one family. In addition to that the language they speak is clean; no foolish talk, no coarse joking, no bad names and no dirty language among them. They don't smoke, they don't drink alcohol, there is not even a hint of sexual immorality among them. They honor God in their bodies and in living.

The word of God in the Bible it tell us the following, ***“Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellow-man has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “Do not commit adultery,” “Do not murder,” “Do not steal,” “Do not covet,” and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this rule: “Love your neighbour as yourself.” Love does no harm to its neighbour. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.” (Romans 13:8-10)*** Love is not only to care and to help but also not to harm; stealing, coveting woman, telling lies, back biting, and other evil things are not the manifestation of the true love of God but are evidence of the presence of the devil and the world of darkness.

That small community of believers with the pureness, holiness and love among themselves had attracted that man with a beauty of something different and unique he had not met before. At first he did not realize what is it but later on as he continued to be in that atmosphere and environment he discovered that such holiness in that group of people it was due to the presence of a holy God among them, the Lord Jesus Christ. At the beginning this man was not able to see the Lord, but through the love and the holiness among them, this small group of believers they were a good witness of the Jesus Christ for this man who never experience before the true love of God.

Through the true and genuine love that he receive from this group of believers he experienced the love of God who sent His son Jesus Christ to the world, who died for our sins on the cross and rose from the dead to give eternal life to those who believe in Him. Truly that man who never believed in God before he surrendered his heart and life to God through faith in Christ Jesus and start to serve God and follow all his steps and commands in the Bible. In return he started to show others the true love of God that he receive from his master.

My dear and beloved: We can confidently say that actions are more profound than words. Jesus declared to His disciples that if you love one another, those who watch you they will know that you belong to Him, and through that love they would be attracted to your master, the Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore let us love one another and care for one another so that the word of Jesus would become true, ***“By this all men will know that you are my disciples if you love one another.”*** As we agree to pray.

My prayer: *Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins and rose again from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord I trust you in my life. Lord I thank you for your word, help me to translate the love that you show me to others, direct me to do that and to be a good witness to you my Lord. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.*