

DOING THINGS THE JESUS WAY

Isaiah 58



Verse 1-3 shows us that God was questioning the motives the people had for seeking Him because although they fasted in the name of searching for Him, they didn't do it to seek Him but rather they did it to serve their interests. But shouldn't the fact that we seek for God count for something or do the motives we have for doing it count more?

We as Christians tend to be very religious in some of our practices, that we sometimes lose track of the reasons as to why we do what we do and for what. We have normalized certain wrong practices simply because they are believed to be widespread and should thus be incorporated into our Christian way of life.

Verse 6 mentions fasting but what is fasting? How do you define fasting and why should one fast? The first thing one needs to remember is that you do not fast to "FEEL" like you've achieved something to get close to God, and the moment you understand this, that is the moment you'll realize that seeking God has got nothing to do with our feelings and emotions but with our urgent, deeply rooted need.

Some people seek the approval of others to make themselves believe that they are approved by God based on what they do and who they are known to be. Too many people are out there doing things they shouldn't be doing, in the name of God, just so they could get approval from people forgetting that the approval they need is not that of men but that of God.

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But let's stop and ask ourselves the following questions for a minute; are we really doing the right things as Christians? Do we even know what it means to do the right thing? What are we doing to attract God's attention and how far are we willing to go to get approved by Him?

Are we Christians because we want to secure a place in heaven or are we Christians because we love Jesus? Christianity exists because of LOVE and Jesus was the sacrifice given to display the extent of this love

Whatever we do as "a sacrifice" for Jesus is, in fact, a show of the extent to which we say we love Him. The great commission given to us by Christ is to make disciples of all nations (see Mathew 28:19) but discipleship requires devotion and you can't devote yourself to someone that you do not love.

Someone once said that you can only give what you have, and what you have is who you are and that ultimately falls back on something you have and possess. The wickedness of the world can only be defeated by love, and that love can only be received by the world once we, as Christians have displayed and modelled it for them to see and receive it (see 1 Cor 13:1-3). For us to be able to make disciples of man we must first fall in love with The Man Jesus.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, this world needs to see and feel your LOVE through ME.

Help me represent You correctly and at anytime in Jesus name.

