



"And this is the commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also." 1 John 4: 21

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Heart to Heart...

Our society is filled with deceit and sin. Actions and statements are made and it seems the deception is so great that many have no clue as to what is happening. Listen to God: ***"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness."*** (Romans 1:18) Here God gives us insight to the world in which we live. People are suppressing the truth of God with their unrighteous behavior and words.

The truth of God is suppressed in warnings in movies and television: *"adult language"* or *"sexual content"*. The truth is: *"the following program contains profane language not fit and scenes of indecency and immoral behavior."* Our sin-filled world has learned to play the great game of covering the truth with word deception making it appealing. People use words and phrases to minimize what are being said and done rather than being truthful from the Lord. Our society works on making sin acceptable without any consequences! The devil is behind it and he knows it well. If sins description is lessened in the eyes and minds of people, it becomes much easier to invite those to partake without the conscience being pierced while covering up the truth.

We hear these word games often: the word *"shrewd"* is used instead of dishonest. People speak of *"little white lies"* over lying ignoring that the devil is the father of lies (John 8:44). A new one has cropped up recently: *"misdirected"* when someone was caught stealing. *"An alternative lifestyle"* instead of homosexuality that is condemned by God. It is called *"a disease"* instead of drunkenness that will cost people their souls eternally. The words are spoken as one *"having an affair"* rather than adultery. People *"live together"* to see if they are candidates for marriage which God calls fornication. ***"Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God."*** (1 Corinthians 6:9-10) The suppressing of the truth is seen in all these cover words to draw attention away from the consciousness of sin and to entice into sin.

In the days of Isaiah, God pronounced His judgment against such things: ***"Woe to those who drag iniquity with the cords of falsehood, and sin as if with cart ropes."*** ***"Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness; who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter."*** (Isaiah 5:18, 20)

We must be God's children that are not entangled in suppressing the truth of God by being unrighteous. We need to be alert and listening so that we aren't taken in by deceit in unrighteous behavior. Hold the cross of Jesus before your eyes and let that speak about the seriousness of sin and joy of our salvation. Think about it!!!

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