



"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...

Sometimes it seems that religion has become a circus. Here's what I mean. Tickets are on sale or giving away free tickets to come. Many do anything to get people to come in and fill their house! With that, they argue the "the end justifies the means."

There are those who try to "*fun one into the doors.*" They have some type of carnival, festivals, musicians and even comedians to get people to come. The mind-set is on entertainment. The worship service is about glitz and glitter for people to enjoy. They completely miss that worship is about God and His greatness. Moses encountered God in a burning bush, and he was so struck with the awesomeness and power of God, "*Moses shook with fear and would not venture to look.*" (Acts 7:32) Paul was quoting from the Psalms in Romans 3:18, "*There is no fear of God before their eyes.*" That's what this type of atmosphere promotes. God is just another form of fun to many!

There are others that will "*scare one into coming*" by means of prophetic teachings and words. They speak of signs as the end of time (which is not biblical) approaches and many so called '*Prophetic teachers*' claim they have the secret of unlocking that knowledge of prophesy. Sometimes it works but leads into false belief. Those who lack biblical knowledge can be led easily into falsehood. "*Now as to the times and the epochs, brethren, you have no need of anything to be written to you. For you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night.*" (I Thessalonians 5:1-2) I've said it before and I will repeat, a thief doesn't disclose the day he is coming to your house!

Instead of us using the world's ideas or tactics, let's listen to Scripture: "*For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know God, God was well-pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.*" (I Corinthians 1:21) "*For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone*

who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.” (Romans 1:16) If the power of God is found in His gospel (and it is) and it is the only thing that saves (and it does), why would we even consider going mans way to create our own drawing power through some artificial means? *“But to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.”* (I Corinthians 1:24) Think about it!!!

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