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Connection:

In die 1800 was daar 'n jongman met die naam Elijah McCoy. Hy het in moeilike omstandighede groot geword, maar was baie slim. Hy het die geleentheid gekry om verder te gaan studeer en het hy sy meestersgraad in ingenieurswese ontvang. Toe hy terug trek na sy ouers het hy werk gaan soek en kon toe net by die spoorwee werk kry as 'n "oilman"

Die treine kon net sekere afstande handhaaf voordat hulle weer moes stop sodat die wiele geolie word. En dit was die werk van die "oilman". Reg deur die rit moes hulle op en af spring om die wiele te olie. Die spoorwee het natuurlik baie geld verloor omdat hulle so baie moes stop, en die manne soos Elijah McCoy het moeg geraak.

Elijah McCoy het toe besluit hy gaan iets daaraan doen. Hy het sy kennis van ingenieurswese gebruik om 'n produk op die tafel te sit wat reg deur die rit van die trein automaties olie op die wiele drip. Dit het natuurlik soos 'n veld brand versprei. Elijah het toe die eerste lubricant cup vir treine gemaak en ontwerp.

Maar daar was een probleem.

Daar was vervalsings. Counterfeits. Besighede het dieselfde produk op die mark gebring. Maar kort voorlank het hierdie produkte baie probleme veroorsaak en was mense baie versigtig om enige "lubricant cup" te koop. Voor hulle die produk koop het hulle altyd eers gevra. IS THIS THE REAL MCCOY? Natuurlik waar die gesegde vandaan kom om die regte produk te beskryf. The real McCoy

Vervalsing is 'n groot probleem in ons land en daar word elke dag miljoene Rande gemaak deur produkte te verkoop wat vervals is. Van klere, tot Tegnologie. Vervalsing is nie 'n baie maklike ding om raak te sien nie behalwe wanneer jy weet waarvoor om te kyk. Jy sal sien dat vervalsing by sekere produkte is die logo net so bietjie en op 'n baie subtiele manier verander. 'n Lyntjie hier en 'n draaitjie daar.

Maar mense word elke dag om die bos gely deur vervalsing. Dit is die groot probleem wat ek raak sien. Nie net dat die oorspronklike vervaardiger nie sy produkte teen groot volumes kan verkoop nie, maar dat die koper mislei word.

Misleiding vind elke dag plaas. Social media speel 'n groot rol in hoe ons baie kere die lewe sien en beleef. Maar selfs in dit word ons mislei.

Dink gou by jouself. Hoeveel mense het jy al mislei in hierdie lockdown tydperk? Veral julle wat deur zoom meetings moes werk. Knopies hemp met 'n kortbroek. Gesig gemakeup maar jy sit in jou nagklere. Misleiding gebeur so maklik. Maar wanneer jy dieper kyk, is misleiding gevul met leuns.

Misleiding gaan jou altyd vas maak. Die wwarheid maak ons vry.

Content:

Hierdie storie van Elijah McCoy en die gedagte van counterfeits het my hierdie week baie laat dink oor die lewe wat ons leef. Is ons lewens regtig 'n voorbeeld van wie God is? Is ons werklik besig om God te loof en te prys? Is ons fake wanneer ons iets sê soos, "die Here is goed"? is ons die real McCoy wanneer dit kom by kind wees van God? Al hierdie vrae en nog meer stroom deur my kop.

Daar is hierdie ernstige vraagteken wanneer dit kom by Christenskap. Leef ons werklik die lewe van Jesus Christus?

James 1:19-27 (NLT)

19 Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry.

20 Human anger does not produce the righteousness God desires.

*21 So get rid of all the filth and evil in your lives, and humbly **accept the word God has planted in your hearts, for it has the power to save your souls.***

*22 But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. **Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.***

*23 For if you listen to the word and don't **obey**, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror.*

24 You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like.

25 But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.

*26 If you claim to be religious but don't control your tongue, **you are fooling yourself, and your religion is worthless.***

*27 Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress **and refusing to let the world corrupt you.***

Die eerste ding wat ons kan doen om te weet of ons met fakes te doen het is die bewys van die Woord. As kind van God het Hy die Woord in ons ingeplant en is daar groei wat plaasvind agv daardie woord wat in ons is. As jou woorde nie ooreenstem met die woord van God nie, is jy besig met die counterfeit. Ons hele lewe moet gebaseer word op die Woord van God.

Maar dan kry jy mos nou ook mense wat die bybel op sy vingerpunte kan opsê. Hoe nou gemaak? Hoe kan ek weet of so persoon 'n counterfeit Christenskap leef? Vers 21 sê dat ons nie net moet luister na die woord nie maar ons moet ook doen wat dit sê. Otherwise we are deceiving ourselves (AMP) Mense kan bybelverse opsê tot hulle blou is, as hulle nie in gehoorsaamheid die woord gaan uitleef nie, speel hulle met die counterfeit labels.

Vers 27 sluit hierdie hoofstuk van Jakobus mooi af.

*27 Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress **AND REFUSING TO LET THE WORLD CORRUPT YOU.***

Jy kan begin as 'n egte kind van God, maar as jy die wêreld se plesier gaan *entertain* in jou lewe, gaan jy *corrupt* word.

1 Tim 6:20-21

20 Timothy, guard what God has entrusted to you. Avoid godless, foolish discussions with those who oppose you with their so-called knowledge.

21 Some people have wandered from the faith by following such foolishness.

May God's grace be with you all.

Paulus waarsku selfs vir Timoteus om dit wat hy by God ontvang het, te beskerm teen die goddelose mense. Hier leer ons ook dat mense wegloop van die geloof deur hulleself besig te hou met dwaasheid en dwase praatjies.

Die duiwel gaan alles in sy vermoë doen om 'n gees van misleiding voor jou te sit.

2 Cor 11:10-15

10 As surely as the truth of Christ is in me, no one in all of Greece will ever stop me from boasting about this.

11 Why? Because I don't love you? God knows that I do.

12 But I will continue doing what I have always done. This will undercut those who are looking for an opportunity to boast that their work is just like ours.

13 These people are false apostles. They are deceitful workers who disguise themselves as apostles of Christ.

14 But I am not surprised! Even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.

15 So it is no wonder that his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. In the end they will get the punishment their wicked deeds deserve.

Dit is so belangrik om in die Woord van die Here te leef dat wanneer iets gebeur dat jy sal weet, saam met die leiding van die Heilige Gees, wanneer die misleiding voor jou deur staan.

Ek kan vir jou met sekerheid sê. Misleiding is nie lekker om te ervaar nie. Mense speel op jou emosies en hulle verdraai die waarheid net genoeg om te kry wat hulle wil hê en in die proses kry jy seer. Ek weet hoe dit voel. Ek weet dit is nie altyd maklik om dit ook te hanteer nie, veral as dit goeie vriende is. Maar ek het ook geleer dat ek kan nie saam met sulke mense beweeg nie, en het ek nodig om vriendskappe te verbreek om die regte ding te doen. Jy kan nie dink jy gaan bly staan wanneer jy die heelyd besig is met die verkeerde nie.

Maak seker dat jy nie net 'n hoorder is nie, maar 'n doener. Dit is hoe jy die misleiding in die lewe gaan weerstaan. Ek wil dit so noem, dit is hoe jy die COUNTERFEIT in jou lewe gaan weerstaan.

Conclusion:

Ek wil hierdie gedagte van om egtheid te leef in Jesus Christus, met 'n storie wat in die bybel is van manne wat ek en jy van lees wat vir ons 'n massive voorbeeld is in die geloof.

Paulus en Petrus. Petrus wat saam met Jesus gewandel het en Paulus wat gearristeer was deur Jesus op die pad van Damascus. Hierdie twee manne wat die evangelie sonder skaamte verkondig het.

Maar selfs in hulle goeie verhouding, was daar tekens van misleiding en hoe die belangrikheid van gemeenskap, die boodskap van die Evangelie in waarheid gehou het.

Gal 2:6-21

6 And the leaders of the church had nothing to add to what I was preaching. (By the way, their reputation as great leaders made no difference to me, for God has no favorites.)

7 Instead, they saw that God had given me the responsibility of preaching the gospel to the Gentiles, just as he had given Peter the responsibility of preaching to the Jews.

8 For the same God who worked through Peter as the apostle to the Jews also worked through me as the apostle to the Gentiles.

9 In fact, James, Peter, and John, who were known as pillars of the church, recognized the gift God had given me, and they accepted Barnabas and me as their co-workers. They encouraged us to keep preaching to the Gentiles, while they continued their work with the Jews.

10 Their only suggestion was that we keep on helping the poor, which I have always been eager to do.

Paul Confronts Peter

11 But when Peter came to Antioch, I had to oppose him to his face, for what he did was very wrong.

12 When he first arrived, he ate with the Gentile believers, who were not circumcised. But afterward, when some friends of James came, Peter wouldn't eat with the Gentiles anymore. He was afraid of criticism from these people who insisted on the necessity of circumcision.

13 As a result, other Jewish believers followed Peter's hypocrisy, and even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy.

14 When I saw that they were not following the truth of the gospel message, I said to Peter in front of all the others, "Since you, a Jew by birth, have discarded the Jewish laws and are living like a Gentile, why are you now trying to make these Gentiles follow the Jewish traditions?"

15 "You and I are Jews by birth, not 'sinners' like the Gentiles.

16 Yet we know that a person is made right with God by faith in Jesus Christ, not by obeying the law. And we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we might be made right with God because of our faith in Christ, not because we have obeyed the law. For no one will ever be made right with God by obeying the law."

17 But suppose we seek to be made right with God through faith in Christ and then we are found guilty because we have abandoned the law. Would that mean Christ has led us into sin? Absolutely not!

18 Rather, I am a sinner if I rebuild the old system of law I already tore down. 19 For when I tried to keep the law, it condemned me. So I died to the law—I stopped trying to meet all its requirements—so that I might live for God.

20 My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

21 I do not treat the grace of God as meaningless. For if keeping the law could make us right with God, then there was no need for Christ to die.

Petrus het agv wat hy dink ander mense van hom dink, verkeerd opgetree. Hy was mislei deur aanvaarding.

Paulus het hom te vermaan voor die ander sodat hulle seker ook uit die geleentheid kan leer. Maar hier sien ons self vir iemand soos Petrus, dat misleiding, Counterfeits maklik na vore kom.

Daarom is dit belangrik om elke keer ons harte te ondersoek en seker te maak dat ons harte in lyn is met God se woord en Sy wil.

Waar bevind jy jouself vandag? Hoe sien mense jou wanneer jy by die kerk, huis, werk of in die straat is.

Onthou. Die waarheid bly waarheid. Waarheid word nie verander omdat ons emosie verander nie. God se Woord is ja en amen. En ons lewe moet die Woord van God weersieël.

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Rom 12:2

2 Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Amen...



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