

Reading: Acts 5:1-11, 2 Corinthians 1:12

Topic: Being Real & Sincere

INTRODUCTION: In this modern _____ that we are in, there is so much of people using a façade and fake presentations of themselves, and it breeds insincerity in all _____ of their lives. However, this is not what God intends for His people to be, but rather He looks for truth and _____.

I. SINCERITY WITH GOD:

A. Word Origin:

1. The word 'sincere' came _____ a Latin word, 'sincerus' which means "not falsified" or "pure" or it also meant, "unadulterated" or "clean."
2. The word has in its _____ another Latin term 'Sine Cera' which translated means "without wax" which was stamped on certain products whose _____ were covered up using wax that was painted over.

B. True Consecration:

1. Ananias and Sapphira are examples of individuals who lacked genuine sincerity and whose _____ was to impress other _____ without considering that God knows and sees our hearts.
2. People who profess to be a child of God but only say it with their mouth and do not _____ it with their daily _____ are deceived and also deceivers of others. I Jn. 1:6

C. True Devotion To God:

1. When we come before God to _____, we must not come into His presence to just speak flamboyant words and impress _____ people. Lk. 18:9-14
2. It is useless to put on a _____ front when we come before God, because He knows everything about us and we cannot _____ anything from Him. Ps. 139:1,2

II. SINCERITY WITH OTHERS:

A. Building Trust:

1. In today's world people are caught up in the wave of trying to impress _____ especially on social media, and often present a _____ image of who they really are.
2. This kind of behavior is a form of deception and eventually people will find out the _____ and when they do, it leads to distrust and _____ friendships.
3. The Word of God teaches us to be open and _____ in our relationship with other people, which in turn will develop and build _____ and solidify fellowship and friendship. Rom. 12:17

B. Sincerity & Love:

1. The words, "I love you" are thrown around very loosely in today's _____, but often they are said like a greeting and not speaking of a genuine _____.
2. The Word of God teaches us that we should love not just with _____, but love with _____ and then show it by our actions. I Pt. 1:22
3. Genuine love without hypocrisy will _____ solid relationships and friendships, providing the ground for effective ministry. Rom. 12:9

III. SINCERITY IN MINISTRY & SERVICE:

A. Motives & Motivation:

1. God has a plan for everyone for _____ and service in His kingdom and He has given to every person abilities and qualities to be _____ for His glory. I Cor. 12:11
2. However, our motives and our motivation in _____ must be out of a _____ desire to please God and to help and build up the Body of Christ. Ph. 2:3
3. Unfortunately, there are individuals whose motives in _____ are not out of a _____ desire to help and bless others, but rather to be _____ of men and to get recognition. Acts 8:17-23

B. Ministry – Genuine & Sincere:

1. There are some questions that we can use to _____ ourselves to find out if we are genuine and sincere in the ministry that we are involved in:
 - a. Do we witness and evangelize because we are sincerely concerned about _____ souls or are we seeking to get recognition for being involved?
 - b. When we sing, do we sing to _____ unto others and to glorify God, or do we sing to impress others with our voice?
 - c. When we speak publicly to teach or _____, is it to sincerely minister and help others, and to glorify the Lord, or is it for people to applaud and shout and say what a great _____ we are?
 - d. When we play our instruments of music, is it to sincerely _____ unto others and to glorify God, or do we play to show off our _____ and ability?
 - e. Who do we really want to _____ up in our ministry?
2. God often has to work on us and mold us to be vessels that will be prepared and ready to _____ in sincerity and truth, which means being _____ on, on the Potter's wheel. Jer. 18:3,4
3. If our ministry is to be effective, it must be done out of _____ with the right motives to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ and out of a genuine _____ for people that Jesus died to save. I Tim. 1:5

CONCLUSION: No one is happy being a phony _____ or worker in the Body of Christ, and if one is not _____ in what they are doing, it will only be a matter of _____ and they will be exposed for what they really are. Let each be real and sincere before God and others.