

Being Misrepresented as Leaders

It is important to prepare yourself for problems before they arise. One such problem relates to being misrepresented as a leader. Preparation is required for this. A lot of heartache can be avoided if the rising leader prepares in their heart and mind for the inevitability of this happening sometime in the future.

Apostolic leaders and those with important Kingdom messages to teach will have people misunderstand both their motives and what they say. This will not only come from antagonists, but also from those who follow their leading.

Frank Viola in one of his blogs covers this topic because he had been misrepresented by some of his 'fans'. Some had assumed that he was against the established church and was telling everyone to get out of it. He says in his article that this is not his message and that he loves the church.

Drawing from his anguish over this misrepresentation he concludes:

“Bottom line: If you’re an author, writer, blogger, speaker, or artist who is making a powerful impact on people, some of your so-called “fans” are going to utterly misunderstand and misrepresent your message and your work.

So get used to it.

If you don’t want to be misrepresented, then don’t bother writing, teaching, or speaking.

(By the way, as hard as you try not to have “fans”, if you produce something that changes people’s lives, there is no way to stop people from admiring what you’ve done...even if you do your best to keeping pointing them to Jesus and away from yourself.)

Remember: Jesus of Nazareth had a lot “followers” who misrepresented His teachings, and He still does today. Just because a person claims to be a follower of Christ doesn’t mean that they “get” what He’s about. And it doesn’t mean that He claims them.

So take heart. ‘If they did it to me, they will do it to you.’ ”¹

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¹ – Frank Viola (March 23, 2015) “A Lesson We Can All Learn from Charles Manson”
[<http://frankviola.org/2015/03/23/charlesmanson>]