

Watch Yourself in all Areas of Your Life

A nation is judged by its leaders, as was the fate of Israel/Judah 3 times. In the same way a family is judged by the parents. Favour & blessing flow in relation to their alignment with Heaven, whereas, religion and unrighteous actions reduce it. It's the law of 'Reaping & Sowing'. Similarly, each follower of Jesus is evaluated and treated according to what is displayed in their lives. That being the case, it is essential for each Kingdom citizen to develop their spiritual insight because much of what we do personally and in relationship is unrighteous – believe it or not.

We have been instructed by our King to be vigilant in the way we use our spiritual sight to understand what's really going on around us.¹ The reason for this wake-up call is that we can focus too much on life, or the church, or even knowledge of the Kingdom. This causes us to let our guard down because we fail to remember we're at war – spiritually speaking. We become complacent or slack and give place for the enemy to work in our lives and our sphere of influence.

Now we are no longer ignorant if this and must dutifully live as wise sons of the Kingdom. We must eliminate unrighteous attitudes and actions from our lives, not because the Bible says so, but because that's what sons do for their own protection and the protection of those they are responsible for. The following are just a few of the things we need to curb and eventually eliminate from our lives:

- self-pity
- anger
- rage
- rebelliousness
- covetousness
- critical speech
- anxiousness
- fear
- resisting authority
- exceeding authority
- defiance
- moodiness
- feeling offended
- divisiveness
- stubbornness
- argumentativeness
- etc.

We must not get paranoid about these things and about being out of order because paranoia is based in fear. Fear of course, is a tool of the enemy as we are well aware of. However, personally and in our homes we must be vigilant because the enemy is working against us all the time – he is a spirit and doesn't sleep.

Here are some indicators of situations which are out-of-line and need rectifying to close the door to the enemy's influence in your life and sphere of influence:

- Employees – having a bad attitude towards the boss.
- Children – dishonouring parents.
- Parents – allowing 'naughtiness' to go uncorrected.
- Husbands – spending time with sports and hobbies at the expense of relating to and supporting your wife.

¹ – "Spiritual Sight is Essential in the Kingdom"
(canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Spiritual-Sight-is-Essential-in-the-Kingdom.pdf)

- Wives – dishonouring your husband in speech, actions or attitude.
- Parents – focussing on paying off a home loan at the expense of the children’s wholistic well-being.
- Employees – using company time for personal things (including the internet) over and above the allocated allowance.
- Parents – considering divorce while children are still at home.
- Husbands – eyeing off other women.
- Wives – flirting at the workplace.
- Parents – engaging in tacit approval by not correcting the children’s behaviour.
- Parents – setting bad examples for the children.
- Parents – failing to mold the children’s righteous attitudes from a very young age.
- Parents – being critical in front of the children.
- Parents – losing your temper in front of the children without correcting it in front of them.
- Parents – allowing child disobedience.
- Wives – working against your husband.
- Wives – lamenting the lost dreams for your life.
- Husbands – being unloving.
- Individuals – fostering selfish attitudes and behaviours.
- Individuals – being ‘tight-fisted’ with the financial support of others.
- Individuals – focussing aggressively on the ‘ladder of success’ in the workplace.

Most of these are obvious – they are outworkings of the soul and mind. They don’t align with a Kingdom mindset and are not righteous. A person may have a Kingdom worldview but their mindset exhibited by their behaviour is not Kingdom aligned. This is why we need to monitor ourselves.

NOTE: As we learnt previously, we need our minds renewed so we can think like our King does.² This is just as important as having him change us in the inside so our attitudes (our heart) changes.

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2 – “Renewing Our Minds” (canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Renewing-Our-Minds.pdf)