Don't Dump Condemnation on Yourself

Condemnation is not a Kingdom action. Father never condemns – it's against his character of love as a perfect father. If you don't think that's the case, because you think he's vengeful, wrathful and wanting to punish you, take a read of what he said to us this month as recorded in our CCOP messages:

"[A]s a loving Father, I continue to draw you in. I'm not angry, I'm not full of wrath. I'm a wonderful, loving Father, drawing you, encouraging you, and waiting for you. You may not realise that, but I wait for you..."

That's not displaying nastiness in any way, shape or form.

Yes, it's time for believers to grow up.² 'Grow up' refers to having a more adultish³ understanding of Father that comes from experiencing him and allowing him to communicate to us about the realities of life with him. Too many Christians are childish in their understanding of him, believing myths and legends from the teaching they've received.

One thing that flows out of unreal, childish beliefs, is the propensity to self-condemn. That arises because we don't think we measure up to what he wants of us, but that's imposing on Father the attitudes and behaviours of our earthly fathers. Doing that is illogical and just plain wrong. He loves us just as immensely right now – even in our 'failures' – as he did when he allowed his Son to go through the horrific action of reversing The Fall on the cross.⁴

Here's his recent statements, telling us to refuse to dump condemnation on ourselves:

"Now is a time to reflect on how you navigated your most recent challenge. Did you lose your composure or did you stand on your foundation of faith and trust Me to bring you through? This is a new day in which to learn and grow, and to refuse the temptation to dump down into condemnation." 5

'Cast down every thought that rises up to bring you into condemnation, and then position yourself under the protection and strength of spiritual truth. These thoughts against yourself are counter productive to your spiritual growth and well being. If there is truly a need to repent do so, but do not allow yourself to get stuck in things of the past."⁶

"Do the best you can with what you have, and leave the rest to Me, says the Lord. You do not have to go beyond your abilities to please Me; you just need to be faithful. Condemnation is your enemy, so allow Me to lift you up and set your feet on the path of peace and joy as you leave past failures behind."

He doesn't condemn us, so we shouldn't do it to ourselves either. We should be more respectful of ourselves and have more personal care. Remember, the past is gone – leave it there. 9

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