

What Are You Carrying

This week I had a revelation deposited in my spirit and then into my brain. The gist of it was: **If I want to be effectively used by our King to touch peoples lives by just being in their presence, I have to be cleaned up in my thinking and habits so there are no impediments for that to happen.**

The basis for this is that we have to carry him so others see his character in us, not our inferior human character. When Jesus of Nazareth came near people, they were impacted by him. The locals were drawn to him and the demons recoiled from him. This is how it should be for us, but we can't if we carry other spiritual emanations which others detect. These false ones they will detect and either ignore or align with, but it won't be for the benefit of the Kingdom.

'Carry' is a spiritual term that's not commonly understood. Like 'mantle'¹, it's jargon used in the pentecostal system, not a biblical term. 'Carry' refers to the spirit or the spiritual gift (charismata) that a person has that goes with them wherever they go, just like carrying a wallet. Whatever the spiritual entity we carry, it will be detectable by those who come in contact with the us.

The one that I'm most familiar with detecting is the apostolic gift – the spiritual 'anointing' of apostolic functionality (AKA 'an apostolic mantle'). It's a fact that when anyone comes into the presence of a person genuinely carrying an apostolic mantle, one that's at a high level of functionality (AKA 'strong anointing'), they will detect it, provided they are spiritually sensitive. Most people are unfamiliar with genuine apostolic gifting, so what they usually detect is either an innate authority or aggressiveness. Authority is correct detection, but aggression is incorrect, coming out of the person's insecurity in our modern woke society.

For all of us, we're to carry the King's presence as a priority, over and above any spiritual gifting. His presence is what he wants us to carry, and as a bonus, it'll impact others without us doing or saying anything. The best example of this type of impact that I know of, was Smith Wigglesworth:²

*"One day Wigglesworth was on a train in London. Two men boarded the train and sat near the evangelist. He didn't say a word to the men, but the presence of God was so real on the train that the men fell to their knees. "Sir," they said to the elderly minister, "you convict us of our sins. What must we do to be saved?""*³

What our King has been doing with us over the past 5-10 years is cleaning us out of our unrighteous⁴ habits, characteristics, foibles and propensities, and reprogramming us with sonship. This is the same type of thing that the NT writers wrote about, but in this 21st century we are describing it in non-biblical terms so it is relevant to what's going on right now.

We can resist being changed by him, either because we refuse to or because we're content to stay as we are. We can also ignore what he's wanting to do because we can't see the purpose of it. Let me uncover for you what it's all about.

As I mentioned at the start of this teaching article, it's about carrying the Kingdom (the presence of the King) so that it impacts those around us without us having to do anything. This is where our King is taking us, and it's part of his plan to display his glory through us. He's been telling us about this plan for a while now, but many are resisting the requirements necessary to be able to do it. However, if we don't change, we can't display his glory because we're operating and thinking unrighteously.

On a side note, he's been referring to a "remnant", one which many don't like hearing about. However, remnant fits into this concept of carrying glory and of impacting others without effort. It is part-&-parcel

1 – Spiritual gifting for leadership taken from Elisha being given Elijah's mantle and receiving a double portion of anointing. (1 Kings 19:19)

2 – NOTE: This account has various versions and can be challenged by some as a myth.

3 – www.marionstar.com/story/news/2020/09/05/pastor-column-you-salt-earth/5678606002/

4 – 'Unrighteous': It does not line up with what the Trinity's thinks about it

of the same process, because few will want to have themselves completely ‘cleaned out’ so they’re able to carry the glory and have the impacting ability as well. To function in both these requires us to let the King have his way with us. While ever we hold back some area of ourselves, he can’t shape us the way he wants, and therefore, we won’t be in a fit state to carry the glory.

All this has nothing to do with church, religion, holiness, self-denial or being a prayer warrior. It’s all about surrender. We must surrender to him so he can do what he specifically wants to do with each of us. We’re all different, so he’ll change us when and how he decides.

Also, it’s not about us determining what needs to change – we need to let Holy Spirit show us. If we do it ourselves, it won’t work and we’ll just become legalistic (been there, done that). You see, every one of our sins is already forgiven – all of them, even our future ones. And, we are already holy because we are consecrated⁵ by this blood. There’s no need to try to be more holy or to isolate ourselves so we don’t sin. That would be thinking religiously, not as a son.

There’s nothing we can do to change our holiness and sinlessness in his sight. The only thing we need to do is let him change us so we operate more righteously⁶. That transformation will produce greater and greater spiritual effectiveness and it’ll prepare us to carry his glory.

The areas I was shown that needed to be brought into line so they were more righteous was my thought-life and my heart attitudes. The reason for identifying those is that “it’s all about the heart” as far as the Trinity is concerned. That’s where they look and that’s what the Spirit responds to. If I’m negative in my thinking, critical, unforgiving, quick to take offence, etc., then the Spirit doesn’t ‘rise up’ in me and manifest himself in my life and in my “presence”. In other words, I ‘kill’ or neutralize the Spirit’s tangible presence so that others are unable to detect him. On the other hand, if my thoughts are righteous and my heart is pure, and I allow love, grace, mercy, forgiveness, peace and joy to fill me, I become a vessel for the Spirit to manifest in so that others will be touched by him through me.

So, the bottom line is: What do you carry? Anything other than the full manifestation of the Spirit through us is ‘coming up short’ of where he wants us to be. However, to get there, we need to assess ourselves in the areas he’s shown us, keep a check on ourselves and work with him to see those areas eliminated. That will take time, but unless we start, we’ll never get to the endpoint. That endpoint is actually the starting point of where he wants us so we can begin to be fully effective as he’s planned.

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5 – Consecrated means to make holy.

6 – ‘Righteous’: It does line up with what the Trinity’s thinks about it.