

A Pure Voice: Do you exaggerate the facts and embellish the truth?



Then the angel showed me a river with the water of life, clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb. (Revelation 22:1)

As He searches for vessels of honor, the Father will look among those through whom a pure stream is flowing--those rare few who have no agenda of their own. They will be an extension of His very heart. I see an end time voice being raised up that will speak only what the Father wants and desires to do only what the Father does. They are part of a pure Bride who will, no doubt, represent Christ well.

Jesus gave them this answer: "Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does" (John 5:19).

In the day in which we live, it's not unusual to see people fabricate stories that include grandiose deeds to build themselves up in the eyes of others. If this scenario describes you, you may have given yourself over to compromise, according to God's Word.

Do you exaggerate when you share your testimony, embellishing your spiritual experiences? Often, we see desperate people sensationalize their stories to gain recognition and increase their status before men. For example, perhaps the Lord gave them an "inner vision" and they share it as if the experiences was outward. Instead of being honest about seeing things in their spirit, they share it as if they saw it with their physical eyes. Instead of saying the Lord told them something, they embellish the event, adding dramatic touches to impress those listening. This demonstrates an enormous lack of integrity that has done extensive damage to the body of Christ, inspiring great doubt and a lack of credibility in the church.

Are we guilty of exaggerating the facts or embellishing the truth? Whether we believe it or not, this is not a small thing in the eyes of God. Beloved, our words matter, and in the end, scripture says we will give account for every idle word. We are currently living in a day when it's become the norm to take short cuts, on the way to becoming a voice for God. As a result, it's opened the way for wolves to enter the church, planting false doctrine, skewing the truth and spreading lies that deceive the weak and unwary. Scripture says that this will produce a great falling away in the last days. That means that today we must ask for wisdom and begin to exercise our God-given discernment.

Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds.
(Colossians 3:9)

In other words, Paul was saying:

I demand that you stop misleading the weak and naïve, by distorting the truth, purposely misrepresenting the facts and giving them wrong information.

This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: "A voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for Him.'" (Matthew 3:3)

I feel deeply troubled, seeing the church so easily led astray. God is eager to equip His people with wisdom, understanding and discernment, so they have ears to hear the voice(s) of those crying in the wilderness in our day, leading people into a deeper relationship to the one true and living God. Their voices will be pure and holy, exalting God, not using the ear-tickling words of men, or seeking notoriety--not for money, for power, or to build a platform for themselves. They will never take short cuts. They are a vast company like John the Baptist who desire to lose their collective voices, in order to become the distinct and singularly accurate voice of God. They will never exaggerate the truth to impress others, because they know they will give an account for every word they speak. With pinpoint accuracy, they will speak out of a true fear of the Lord.

John the Baptist prepared the way for the Lord. He was a genuine prophetic voice that reflected the true heart of God. In the same way, we will see a blazing remnant of warriors who operate with humility, honor, and integrity. The people will even leave the cities like those in John the Baptist day to hear in out-of-way places. Why? Because these forerunners carry something special—precious and rare.

Come, precious Bride of Christ... prepare the way of the Lord by purifying your hearts and hands, that pure stream--the voice of many waters, speaking to a generation desperate for the truth--authentic voices who mean what they say, who refuse to edit what God says

and do not entertain itching ears with a watered-down words or sensational stories to add more followers to their social media accounts.

Lord, purify your church once again. Bring your reforming fire to cleanse us that we may be that voice of one crying in our day, pointing the world toward Jesus. Purify our hearts, and strengthen our voices in the church, for we want nothing more than to glorify you with every word we speak. Amen and amen.

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