

## **Taming Sanctification**

**2 John 1:11 for the one who gives him a greeting participates in his evil deeds. NAS**

I am reminded of one the first lessons I was taught, when I first became a new born Christian, and subsequently I find myself in the process of continually learning. It is still as vivid as if I were learning it for the first time. It revolved around the concept of taming the tongue.

The concepts are pretty straightforward in terms understanding how the tongue can get, and keep one in a healthy relationship, or conversely, keep one in a perpetual state of losing battles, with God and man.

At the same time, the concepts are a process. The process of controlling the demon/viper, referred to as mans tongue, is a constant gleaning. "OK" for some of us saints, it is a constant scraping together of two basic principles. These traits take a lifetime for most saints, to put into repeated positive results, which are satisfactory to the qualifications of sanctification. Now the sanctification I am referring to, is the setting apart from the world, and consecrating our actions to His Truth, which "IS" Jesus.

Two basic concepts: On one tongue we have the reviler equaling judgment, and on the other tongue we have reprove, equaling Gods grace, which stimulates Gods Spirit of mercy in our spirits. Now one of the most profound realities is, that depending on which tongue shows up on any given occasion, is the one tongue that is going to take a positive, or negative licking from your sanctification.

Now the real deal here is, once you have learned how to control your own tongue in a satisfactory manner, acceptable to the standards of sanctification, you now are prepared to graduate, to perceiving reviling, or reproofing, in another persons ongoing battle of taming the tongue.

Now work with me here! This is where the rubber really meets the road. You get out of your car, and start walking, this is known as the shoe leather express, of higher dedication.

As with all higher dedication there comes greater responsibility. We must remember that we have been in the process of learning how to control our tongue. We now must learn how to perceive what others intentions are when they share from their own agendas. When another person comes to within our depths of perception, and comes with reproofing or reviling, what is our training and knowledge of the truth going to respond to?

Will we be able to respond to the "IS" (Jesus) that "IS" in every way the ethical responsibility of our sanctification that really "IS" love in action toward His righteousness, from our spirit to reprove a reviler.

It is in our training to respond, not to live vicariously in the truth, but to live in action within “The Truth,” to expose the error of the tongue. If action is not taken against the one who is a deceiver, we saints give legal rights to the offender through our own default. Silence is golden, and has its place in the depths of ignorance, but in the depths of Gods Word, the word “IS” spoken in Truth, to expose the Spirit of Truth.

We saint’s therefore have a justified, legal response to our own sanctification being trained in The Truth, to respond to the spirit of error when it raises its ugly head, to expose the Spirit of Truth. To stand ideally by as a saint in the presence of heresy is tantamount to surrendering The Cross, which is, in itself, heresy in the most profane sense, and must be considered, as aiding and abetting the evil one.

There is no redemption in speaking the Word in the spirit of error. There is however redemption in speaking the Word in love, and in Truth.