

Our Biggest Problem

Isaiah 1:19-20

19 If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:

20 But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

I can't help but look at what is going on in our country right now and think the reason we are having the problems we are having is our unwillingness to change. There are far too many people that are unwilling to change the way they look at people. There are also far too many people that are unwilling to let go of their hatred and animosity as well.

As Apostolics sometimes our biggest problem is our unwillingness . . .

After all, we very well know that we have this treasure in an earthen vessel. If we are honest with ourselves, we need to freely admit that there are times there is just a little too much me, in me. . .

We need to ask ourselves these questions:

How willing am I to submit my will to His will?

How willing am I to submit my body as a living sacrifice?

How willing am I to not be conformed to the world?

How willing am I to come out from the world?
How willing am I to break relationships with the ungodly?
How willing am I to forgive?
How willing am I to let go of wrongs done to me?
How willing am I to change an attitude that is wrong?

Willing in the Hebrew is: to breathe after, that is (figuratively) to be acquiescent:

I was looking at this scripture as well:

Col. 3:23

23 And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;

Heartily means: breath, that is, (by implication) spirit.

What if we replaced the heartily with willingly?

How many times do we give a half-hearted effort? If we give a half hearted effort, we can be guaranteed we'll get half-hearted results.

Our willingness will ultimately show our obedience. It is impossible for someone to be partially willing and fully obedient.

Why do we live holy separated lives? For our parents? To keep the ministry off our back? Holiness and standards will never be

an issue when done to the Lord. Forgiveness will never be an issue when done to the Lord.

When I look back through the pages of my memories, if I am honest with myself, I find that some of my greatest “struggles” in my walk with God have been due to my unwillingness . . .

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