The Making

Three Enemies of a Follower

Ephesians 4:17-24

Enemy number one: UNIFORMITY. (17-18)

“church”: Ecclesia: called out ones

A. Followers should live on PURPOSE. (17)

“futility” vainness, pointlessness, no vision, no goal, aimless wondering

B. Followers should live SENSITIVE to God’s leading. (18)

“hardness” petrifying, callous, ignores God’s leading

21“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven *will enter*. 22Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?’

Matthew 7:21-22

Enemy number two: SELFISHNESS. (19)

“sensuality” debauchery, lust, fornication….the seeking of pleasure

1. Followers exist for HIM.
   1. Created BY Him and FOR Him.

For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities- all thing have been created by Him and for Him.

Colossians 1:16

1. Followers exist for ONE ANOTHER.
   1. SEE ONE ANOTHER PASSAGES
   2. Eph. List of how NOT to act toward one another
      1. Lay aside falsehood. (25)
      2. Seek reconciliation. (26)
      3. Don’t steal, share (27)
      4. Watch your mouth (29) unwholesome talk
      5. Don’t be jealous (31) bitterness
      6. Don’t fight w/ each other (31) clamor
      7. Don’t bad mouth each other (31) slander
      8. Don’t tear one another down (31) malice
2. Followers exist for Non-FOLLOWERS

Give no offense either to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God; just as I also please all men in all things, not seeking my own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved.

1 Corinthians 10:32-33

Enemy number three: YESTERDAY.(20-24)

A. Followers INDENTIFY their past. (22) “lust of deceit”

B. Followers LEAVE their past. (23-24) “renewed in the spirit of your mind.”

C. Followers USE their past. (FOR WHO? One another and for Non-Followers)

3Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of *it* yet; but one thing *I do*: forgetting what *lies* behind and reaching forward to what *lies* ahead, 14I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:13-14