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How Serious Are You?

Something interesting happened recently. We were sharing posts like this one designed to bring people to the next level. Some decided to stop participating. I know this high quality material. Furthermore, it is noteworthy to one's spiritual growth. Why would they then walk away from it? With nearly two decades of church leadership ministry under my belt, it is not the first time this has happened. I have learned that the majority of these situations have a common denominator. The people did not want to get serious. Life will provide indicators of how serious you are about your faith and your God. When you find yourself facing such an indicator, what will it show? How serious are you?

John 6:56-68 ESV **Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. (57) As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. (58) This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever." (59) Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum. (60) When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" (61) But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, "Do you take offense at this? (62) Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? (63) It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. (64) But there are some of you who do not believe." (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) (65) And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father." (66) After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. (67) So Jesus said to the Twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" (68) Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life,**

We have been studying how to implement the apostolic ministry. God has allowed us to see the big picture. This is the direction that will glorify God and expand the Kingdom. There are people who want it. This will be tested because the apostolic at large is still reemerging. Many are content with "doing church" according to traditional paradigms. Did you know that you could have apparent success in ministry, gathering a lot of people, without embracing the apostolic? Knowing this, would you risk losing some or all of the people that supposedly follow you to pursue the apostolic ministry? Would you be willing to be rejected and labeled false, immature etc.? A serious follower is willing to go through these things and much more. Talk about testing your seriousness, this is one of the top indicators.

It is much like the scenario described in the above passage. As the miracles were flowing and the crowds were building, all kinds of people were following Jesus. Then He seemingly wastes all of this momentum by offending them. I say seemingly because that is not really what was going on. Christ knew that where His followers would be required to go would demand a level of seriousness that they had not yet demonstrated. There are people who will be there and do a task as long as it is convenient. The blessings and supernatural are normally welcomed by a large part of society. However, when the LORD challenges their thoughts and traditions and demands obedience, they are tested. He is doing the same today. The serious persevere through, knowing there is nowhere else to go. Are you serious?

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