

## CHRISTIANS MAKE THE BEST STONE THROWERS

I would like to start out this blog entry by paraphrasing an account from the Bible. Yeshua was walking along one day and heard a commotion. He came upon a scene where some men were bringing a woman to a place where they would stone her. On their way they took her to Yeshua to ask Him what He thought was right about the matter. They were trying to trap him into answering in a way that would offend the Torah. They had accused her of adultery and they must have had pretty good evidence that she was guilty of this sin and offence against the Torah. She was thrown at the feet of Yeshua whereupon the crowd told Him of the charge and demanded what He would do in the matter. Scripture says that Yeshua then stooped down and drew in the dirt. Some speculate that he was writing the sins of the woman's accusers in the dirt. The men began to grow angry at Yeshua's delay in answering and He again wrote in the dirt. Finally, Yeshua told the woman's accusers whichever of them was without sin should cast the first stone at the woman. The passage continues by telling us that the men slowly left, one by one until none of the accusers remained.

Scripture speaks to us, telling us time and time again that judging people without righteous intent is just plain wrong. Yeshua never told us not to judge, but that when we did judge, that we did so righteously. We know that in Yeshua's time this woman might have even been a consort of these men who, when the time was right, was used in an insidious plot to destroy Yahweh Yeshua. She was a pawn of these men, just as in the same manner they were pawns of Satan.

In the Christian realm it seems that people have not been schooled properly about judging correctly. Perhaps pastors, ministers and evangelists never delve too deeply because they are afraid of being judged themselves. In its true meaning, the Greek word, "*krino*," which so many people use to shut down anyone who brings up any wrong doing, actually means to condemn. When Yeshua tells people to "Judge not lest ye be judged," he is saying that we're not to condemn someone as to sentence them in a final sentence, like a judge would sentence someone to death or life in prison. He is not saying to keep our mouths shut about everything and He is not saying that we cannot judge when people are bearing bad fruit. Pointing things out to people is not wrong, if it is done out of love and you know that it can be used to make the person a better and/or stronger believer.

A few years ago, I felt led to offer correction to a brother who was espousing that it was perfectly okay to look upon the nakedness of women. He tried to show his readers, through a corruption of scriptures, that looking at naked bodies was perfectly from a scriptural standpoint. When I presented this information, I was accused of being judgmental and unloving. How dare I rain on his parade and falsely accuse him; even though I had his whole website downloaded to disk at my home that showed the pictures that he was presenting as being “okay” in God’s eyes.

I had to pray about talking to this man because I wanted to make sure that this was okay for me to do. Yahweh showed me that there are many men out there, yes and even women who would be aroused to self-gratification because they have problems with pornography, and that this man was justifying porn as being condoned by scripture. Many Christians today would take the cowards way out by saying that they would just let Yeshua take care of the problem because if they acted, they would be judging this man. No, I pointed out that the fruit that this man’s deeds were producing was bad and his actions cast judgment on him. Of course, when you show the evil that people do it is an offense to them, no matter how much they claim that they are in the right, and they will always try to kill the messenger; this man was no different.

There is a political correction that has invaded the Church. So many Christians are afraid to raise a voice about even the littlest infraction of what is Biblically allowable. They are afraid of being labeled as judgmental, because if that happens then they will fall out of disfavor with many of the people that they revere or love in their fellowship. I know how they feel; I was once that way. I felt that if people labeled me as judgmental then I had broken the big enchilada of Christendom and my walk with Yeshua was obviously over. However, we are not here to please men whether they are pastors, bishops or just plain old friends. We are supposed to stand up for truth and righteousness. The only person we have to please is Yahweh, who commands that we be Holy.

Think about it friends, would you like to make your friends happy, or make Yeshua happy? Can your friends save you, or can they forgive your sins? Did your friends die for you and raise from the dead to give you promise of eternal life and a resurrection? NO, they certainly did not. As a matter of fact, many (not all) friends will probably throw you under the bus when things get heated and they fear for their own flesh. I’ll bet that if you tested out my theory you would write to me later on telling me that what I’ve said is true.

I’ve written all of those things because I saw something today that really disappointed me, although I was not in the least bit surprised. Let me start out by saying that I’m not a Donald

Trump advocate. I think that he has some great ideas and right now I see him as the best choice for president where the Republican Party is concerned; sort of like cleanly mopped spot on the very dirty GOP floor. I know that he's probably not a true believer in Yeshua, but I do hear him using a scripture here and there and he does champion Christians, Jews and Israel. As far as I know, Trump has never made a public confession of faith. With that in light, does that fact that he has never (as far as I can ascertain) made a confession of faith in Yeshua make him anti-Christian or anti-Bible? Heck now it doesn't.

Donald Trump has used scriptures in the past that he says that he likes. Again, is that a bad thing? Would Christians be happier if he used Koranic verses, and supported Islam like the current Mullah in the White House is doing? Donald said that he's "the biggest advocate of Christians that they've had in a long time." Again, does that make him bad? Perhaps Christians would be happier if Trump despised Christians, tore down Christian institutions and burned Bibles? Trump says that he's against the homosexual takeover of society, against the advancement of Islam and we know that he is the polar opposite of being politically correct. Again, would Christians be happier if Trump embraced radical homosexuality, supported Sharia Law and banned all Christian vernacular because he found it "offensive?" Trump has come out against illegal immigration, stating that he sees it as being actually "illegal," and not using doublespeak to call them "undocumented," which if anyone with a brain would realize if they looked up that word, would see that it is just a kinder word for "illegal."

One thing that Christians have criticized Trump over is they assert that Trump doesn't give much to charities. I have two thoughts on that subject. First, Trump turned over his "Trump Foundation," the place that donates to charities, to his three children. They administer all donations. The Eric Trump foundation has donated 30 million dollars to **St. Jude hospital**. In February 2015, St. Jude officially opened The Eric Trump Foundation Surgery and ICU Center, a \$20 million-dollar state-of-the-art medical center that doubled the hospital's surgery space and houses the most advanced pediatric ICU in the world. I wonder how many of Trump's Christian accusers have actually donated even 300 dollars to a children's health charity?

The Trump Foundation also contributes to "**Girl Up**," which gives American girls the opportunity to channel their energy and compassion to raise awareness and funds for programs that help some of the world's hardest-to-reach adolescent girls. Through Girl Up's support, girls have the opportunity to become educated, healthy, safe, counted, and positioned to be the next generation of leaders.

In addition, the Eric Trump foundation contributes to **The New York City Police Foundation, Inc.** was established in 1971 by business and civic leaders as an independent, non-profit organization to promote excellence in the NYPD and improve public safety in New York City. Tacked onto that, Trump Foundation also donates to: **The Police Athletic League (PAL)** is New York City's largest independent youth development not-for-profit organization that operates head start/day care, after-school, evening teen, summer day camp, youth employment, truancy prevention, juvenile justice and re-entry, city-wide sports, play streets and part-time centers, food service, and adventure learning programs for pre-school kids, children and adolescents ages 3 to 19. In its 95th year of service, PAL remains a vibrant and vital NYC institution. Represented by Donald Trump.

All in all, Donald Trump's Foundation helps to cure sick and dying children, gives to the betterment of young girls worldwide, helps to keep New York city safe for law abiding citizens, and he donates to help poor and disadvantaged children in the city. I wonder how many of his Christian accusers (if they're Christians?) lay claim to anything near to what Trump does. He's also been hailed as a champion of small business. Oh, and what about the thousands of people Trump employs in all of his business ventures. My advice to Christians, put up or shut up.

One thing that really bugs me about many Christians is that they are quick to accuse before they know the facts. This is EXACTLY what Yeshua was talking about when said not to judge. One thing that I've heard Christians accuse Trump of is that he won't reveal what his favorite scripture. He states that he doesn't share it with people because that is a private thing; that is his right. That doesn't mean that he doesn't know scripture or that he's just saying that he has a favorite scripture to lure in the Christian voter. It simply means he doesn't want to share it. And when you think about it, his Christian detractors would only use it against him. I can hear the banter now; he'd be accused of using a scripture liking a scripture that isn't as good as another scripture, or of liking a scripture than any worldly person would say that they like. The depths of Christian accusation can be almost unfathomable.

The stupidity of some of the comments that have been made on Facebook cannot be disputed enough. Just an example of things said are:

1. He was a snotty nosed rich kid in church
2. Just in life to make money and doesn't help the poor

3. Ah, a tare amongst the wheat

4. He's too intense, speaks his mind and doesn't have grace.

You say that he was a snotty rich kid in church. My question is, "did you go to church with him?" and/or "did you actually see this, or did you hear it somewhere?" I mean, man, how can someone say that without knowing Trump personally. Unless you are immediate family or close personal friends then such an assertion is GOSSIP and/or slander. This sort of malicious talk has to stop.

You assert that he's in life just to make money and not to help the poor? Well, I guess that your assertion is quashed by what was written earlier concerning Trump's giving charities that do indeed help the poor. Isn't it interesting how people with less money are so good at spending the money of others, and casting dispersion against those who have?

The assertion that Trump is a tare among the wheat cannot be substantiated by his behavior. The only person that can make that claim is the reaper of the field, that being Yeshua. Also, if you're making the assertion that he is not a believer, then the tare argument makes no sense. Tares are used as a metaphor of people who are in churches, acting almost exactly like true believers. Trump is crass and matter of fact and he's sometimes downright rude, which would make one think that he's not born again; like many of our relatives and friends that are "mainline Christians, Roman Catholic or Orthodox; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof.

Then there is the queen mother of all stupid claims; that Trump is too intense, speaks his mind and doesn't exhibit grace. This sort of accuser wants everyone to be like Jesus was, meek and mild. Have they read the Gospels? Yeshua was not politically correct. He insulted the scribes and Pharisee's regularly, making him look like an upstart. He rebuked rich and poor alike constantly and went against many traditions of his time. And yes, He even whipped people in the Temple (Church) Court and turned over the tables of people who were perverting the Torah. I once heard something that is so true; that being that if Jesus were walking the earth today, many Christians would accuse him of not acting like Jesus. Now there is a truism.

This politically correct attitude is rife with false accusations infects the Church in almost at plague proportions. Yes, it stems from a lack of proper biblical teaching by pastors that really don't the Bible, or the God of the Bible. Most churches are 501c3 churches. But making

themselves “government” churches they have given themselves over to government ways. The very people that preach that we are not to be like the world, nor to have fellowship with that world are the same people who covenant with the government, mostly with the intent to have tax free status. We’re told to render unto Caesar what is Caesar’s, not to join with Caesar to get a tax break.

So how can this sort of thing be ended? The answer is simple. Get into the Bible and get away from worldly resources. Look at things posted in any media with suspicion. In 99 percent of the cases the media reports falsehood or slanted facts. Remain circumspect, looking at yourself before you point at others. Ask a lot of questions when you read, hear or see something. Break things down into their elemental forms and see if they make sense. For instance, the stupid charge that Trump was a snotty rich kid at church. Heck, it might be true, but aside from actual eyewitness evidence, it is gossip. Even if it is someone that went to church with the Trump’s, does that make it true. What if they had a beef with the Trump’s or there was an issue of jealousy against the Trump’s? Unless his own mother or father said it, I have a hard time believing it.

Until there is true humility within the Body of Mashiach, there will always be idiots who malign or defame other with falsehoods and innuendos. We’re stuck with gossips and defamers; people who express unfounded myths, yet who are the ones who yell the loudest when the very thing that they’re doing is done to them. Oh yes, then gossip is wrong and should be brought before the Church. What a mad world we live in; let’s try not to be part of it or act like it. Drop your stones until you absolutely know the facts.