

Unashamed...!

AND I WILL BE EVEN MORE UNDIGNIFIED THAN THIS

For the past couple of days, this thought has been constantly chasing me ie Will I be ashamed or unashamed to own Jesus as my Saviour and Everything in front of my friends in the secular world? What triggered this thought process was a message given by a prominent world class missionary statesman who challenged the International Body of Christ to send 200,000 missionaries into the world. He said if we cannot go we should at least send. Did someone heave a sigh of relief? Is it enough just to finance a missionary somewhere and people around me not even suspecting me that I am a Christian? It seems so good to give some money, sponsor a missionary and thus our Christian duty and calling is done. But the real challenge of every believer lies when s/he has to stand up for the Name of the Lord in the work place where every tom, dick and harry loves to use the Most High Name of our Lord Jesus Christ as a swear word. It is so hard to look into the eye of the person and say the Name he uses as a swear word is our personal God. Even to let people know that I am a Christian may be traumatic in this Christ-hostile world.

My Christian/ Church bio-data may be very impressive. I may lead ministries, but outside the Church how am I? Am I ashamed to speak about my Lord or do I let people know that I worship the One

True God, no matter what jokes are cracked about that?

Personally this is one of my worst fears, that becoming so contented and complacent with the ministries inside Church, I just play along with the majority in my work place. This I also feel is a great challenge to everyone, be it a student, teacher, employee, boss, team leader, manager.... I also often pray that I should never hide my identity as a Christian because it is looked down upon. We like to send someone as missionaries to some unreached country with the money God has given us, but how am I standing for the Lord in my unbelieving work place is the hardest challenge. I speak from experience. I have spoken the gospel with such ease to strangers and to those inside the church, but even to this day it is so hard for me to speak to my colleagues.

I am sure if you are in a highly secular work place you can so easily relate this experience with yours. I always constantly pray that as the Lord lifts me up in my job, I should somehow not push Him to the back ground saying, "Now I have arrived somewhere , it was all my hard work!" AT times the temptation can be really high.

When my mind starts mulling over such issues I always go back to the life of Daniel. He lived in worse conditions than us. He is working for a pagan government and that too in the royal palace,

something similar to Lok Sabha, yet Daniel opened his window towards Jerusalem , kneeled and prayed three times a day. Daniel did this in daylight and before the eyes of every person and so when jealous people wanted to eliminate Daniel the only possible way they could implicate him was in his unwavering unashamed worship.

Then these men said, "We shall not find any charge against this Daniel unless we find it against him concerning the law of his God." Daniel 6, 5. What a testimony!

Would I still be steadfast and faithful and do what I always do when my reputation or my job security or even my life is at stake?

The next concern is as my position keeps rising up in the upward mobility scale will I still put God first and give Him all the glory, honour and praise? Then I think of David who despite being the Magnificent King of the Golden age of Israel, danced like crazy before the ark of covenant entering Jerusalem. Even as his wife taunts him for his uncouth and common behaviour, David is least worried. All he could think of is his God who has brought Him this far. And even when his wife mocks him very derogatorily, he tells her, ***It was before the LORD who chose me instead of your father and all his house to appoint me ruler over the people of the LORD over Israel. Therefore I will play music before the LORD and I will be even more undignified than this and will be humble in my sight.*** 2 Samuel 6,21-22.

The great King cares a fig for all correctness of behaviour in front of His LORD who has lifted him as King. This is always a challenge and a good example to emulate for all of us who are given to power and position. The higher the power the greater the unashamed worship should be in our lives. But I also know without the extreme infilling of the Holy Spirit it is so hard to stand up for the Lord in this hostile world. Let's keep on asking more grace and more anointing for every day to live in the light of the glory of Jesus Christ.

Lord I come with this prayer from the depth of my heart that I always know and realize that it was You who chose me to be where I am and in this place and position. Lord help me to be even more undignified, even more unashamed to worship you before the eyes of everyone. Lord take away all the correctness of behaviour before others in worship and help me to be helplessly talking, praising and singing about you everywhere and anywhere. Help me to be unashamed to speak your gospel, to lift high your Name, to open the windows of our workplace and to worship you before every sneering eye and mocking tongue. Give me an unashamed heart for you Lord. Make me an undignified worshipper Lord. In Jesus Name.

Amen ,Amen.

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