



A Wolf in Sheep's Clothing?

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Life is a journey! With moments! I am here to encourage you in this journey called LIFE! I am here to encourage you in your relationships! Relationships are vital to LIFE and the loss of someone by any manner: separation, divorce, or death, I believe is the most painful experience that one can endure.

Are you experiencing heart aches because of a relationship? Good News! Jesus Christ is aware of your heartaches and the life growing pains that you are experiencing! It is God's desire that you and I learn to live peaceably with one another. It brings joy and gladness to the Father's heart when he sees you and I walk in love and harmony in Christ Jesus.

Eternity is real! Please! Regardless of the pain that you're experiencing! Don't make foolish hurtful decisions that will only cause more pain, such as drinking excessively, utilizing drugs, or being sexually promiscuous. By the way, the guilt that comes from acting/reacting in a negative, destructive manner only creates more pain. In those moments, I am encouraging you to CHOOSE LIFE OVER STRIFE! Don't say what you're thinking! Don't do what you're thinking! Control your thoughts! Think on these things: Love is patient, love is kind, love thinks no evil, love is not easily provoked, love does not take into account a wrong suffered. (I Corinthians 13) when you want to react with ugliness instead say these words: "I CHOOSE LIFE OVER STRIFE".

We all struggle with walking in LOVE! That's why we are seeing so much ugliness in this world! As born again believers, You and I need to allow Jesus Christ, the word of God to influence our mind, will, and emotions. Jesus who has said "you already know it's wrong to murder, also says "whoever hates another is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life living within them". (Matthew 5) WOW! To hate someone is being a murderer? AND no murderer has eternal life within them? WOW! Another scripture reminds us "if a person says 'I love God', and hates another (spouse), that person is a liar; for the person who does not love who they can see, cannot love God whom they have not seen".

How do you and I learn to walk in love? It's for eternity's sake! It begins with calling upon the name of Jesus Christ. Change in one's heart begins with calling upon the name of Jesus! There's no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved! Repeat this: "Jesus! I believe you are the son of God, I want to be born again! I want the new nature promised to those who call upon you! Jesus! I want your influence on my mind, will, and emotions!

You and I become transformed by the renewing of our mind! We become transformed by allowing Jesus, the word of God, to influence our mind, will, and emotions. Are you aware that life and death is in our tongue? Are you aware that we become what we speak? Say these words often: "I am loving! I am gentle! I am kind! I am tender-hearted! I am forgiving!" You become what you speak!! Life and death is in the power of our tongue!!

I spent almost 3 years married; actually 2 months shy of 3 years. I married a young lady that I met on November 4th and married her the following month on Christmas's Day in 2023. In my heart I picked that day because I "thought" she was a gift from God! I sincerely did!

I don't regret the decision; although it caused us both a lot of pain. It was her fourth marriage and she was struggling with PTSD, something I didn't know before I married her. She is a beautiful person, inside and out; The PTSD outbursts were a challenge though! I didn't know how to react and I had my own "triggers" that did not help the well-being of our marriage. In any case, I was responsible for loving her as Christ loves the church and I didn't. Inova, I'M SORRY

Throughout the marriage she called me a "false prophet" and a "wolf in sheep's clothing." Harsh words! Words that have now made me question who I am; who I was. Words that have now made me fast 15 days a month. As a born again believer, I do not want to be a "false prophet" or a "wolf in sheep's clothing." Was it because I did not reflect the nature of Christ Jesus that she saw me as a false prophet and a wolf in sheep's clothing? Was there validity in her words? Or were they simply ugly words of contempt?

Being called “a false prophet” or “a wolf in sheep’s clothing” is a blow to anyone’s feelings of self worth. We all have an ugly, selfish, sinful nature within us; any one of us could be a ‘wolf in sheep’s clothing’. Any one of us could be smiling on the outside, yet on the inside have an ugly indifferent attitude towards another person. Any one of us could manipulate another person by saying “if you loved me you would do this or do that”. Every one of us is guilty of manipulation at one time or another in this journey called LIFE.

This is a provoking question: Is a person getting involved in sexual immorality sins, are they a wolf in sheep’s clothing? Do they not realize that the sexually immoral will not inherit the kingdom of God? (Galatians 5:21). This is not a condemning question, it’s a question to provoke your heart to allow Jesus to influence you so that your decisions are respectful towards others because the scripture says “Flee sexual immorality”. Regardless! Jesus loves you; as he said to the woman caught in adultery, Jesus says to you; “where are your accusers? I don’t condemn you either! Go and sin no more”. (John 8:3-11). Jesus did not come into the world to condemn us! Jesus doesn’t come into your life today to condemn you! He wants to give you wisdom and guidance that leads to eternal life!

We all desire a happy healthy relationship! So how do we eliminate the ugliness, the strife within relationships? Within marriage? How do we heal the hurts, fears, insecurities? It starts with honesty, it takes communication, it takes listening to one another without yelling and screaming, it takes patience, it takes being understanding, it takes being forgiving, it takes not being selfish, it takes being apologetic, it takes not being easily provoked and being easily irritable!

It takes ALL those things! Because it takes LOVE! It takes BEING a Christian! It takes allowing Jesus, the word of God to influence your mind, will, and emotions! DAILY!! It takes not getting “all in your feelings”, it takes allowing your actions/reactions to be influenced by the word of God! It takes looking towards Jesus Christ!

Thank you for taking the time to read this, God cares about YOU! God has provisions for every one of your needs. Start believing that God cares about YOU! Regardless of what you have done to make you “feel” unworthy, God is on your side! God cares about YOU! There is redemption, as you look towards Jesus Christ! Allow him, the word of God to influence your mind, will, and emotions and you will experience healing, health, peace, and provision! You will flourish as a Rose in the midst of the thorns of LIFE!

The wolves in sheep’s clothing? Are they those that don’t walk in love? Let’s love one another! Let’s be kind, tender hearted towards one another! Forgiving one another as Jesus Christ has forgiven US!

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To Someone Special



**This Rose represents your life
The thorns represent life's troubles
Your heart, emotions pricked with pain
As you strive to blossom, flourish in life.**

**I'm aware of your heartaches & life's growing pains
I'm your friend; I'll cause you to flourish
In the midst of the thorns of life.
I wore the crown of thorns so you can
Blossom as a Rose.**

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