

# ***HARD-EDGED CHRISTIAN OR FOLLOWER OF JESUS?***



*Why Do you Strike Me? Anne Cameron Cutri*

Hard-edged Christians know their rights and aren't afraid to stand up for them. They fight for Christian principles. They have a clear agenda.

But mercy toward those who do not share their views is strangely missing.

**Their agenda has a hard edge.**

Followers of Jesus, on the other hand, are focused on one thing:

Doing the will of the Master.

Seeking the Kingdom, no matter which way the political winds are blowing.

Followers of Jesus are less concerned with the speck in their brother's eye than getting the log out of their own eye.

The power of Rome, the power of Herod, even the power of the Temple authorities---never impressed Jesus.

His focus was the Kingdom, doing the Father's will.

He commands us to do the same.

So which are we?

Hard-edged Christians?

Or followers of Jesus?

***At that time Jesus declared, "I thank thee, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes; yea, Father, for such was thy gracious will.***

***All things have been delivered to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and any one to whom the Son chooses to reveal him."***

**Matthew 11**

*Prayer: Precious Lord Jesus, who was shamed, wounded, tortured and executed by those with cold hearts... forgive us for preferring the anger of this world over your truth, over your holy, tender words... Blessed are the poor in spirit, blessed are those who mourn, blessed are the merciful, blessed are the peacemakers, blessed are the gentle. Take away the hard edges that have become our idols, that oppose your truth, your holiness, your tenderness. Make us like babes again looking to you, trusting in you and following you into gentleness, into humility, into mercy and choosing peace over turmoil.*

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