



# ***BEING “RIGHT” IS A DELUSION***

“I know I’m right!”

i.e. “You’re wrong!”

***“And why do you not judge for yourselves what is right?”***

***As you go with your accuser before the magistrate, make an effort to settle with him on the way, lest he drag you to the judge, and the judge hand you over to the officer, and the officer put you in prison. I tell you, you will never get out till you have paid the very last copper.”***

*Luke 12*

**The only one who is right is God.**

If we want to know what God has to say about our “issues”, we turn to Jesus.

Who asks....

Are you walking in the mercy God has shown to you?

Do you love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength?

Do you love your neighbor as yourself?

Do you speak the truth?

Do you live the truth?

How do you treat Lazarus at your gate?

**About our “issues” Jesus is not nearly as rigid as we are.**

He eats with bad guys---tax collectors and sinners.

He offers living water to a woman who is on her sixth man.

He refuses to condemn the woman “caught in adultery”.

**The only people Jesus was harsh with were the people who were sure they were right.**



**“You blind guides, straining out a gnat and swallowing a camel!**

**Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you cleanse the outside of the cup and of the plate, but inside they are full of extortion and rapacity.**

**You blind Pharisee! first cleanse the inside of the cup and of the plate, that the outside also may be clean.**

**Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within they are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness.**

**So you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but within you are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.”**

Matthew 23

**None of us is “right”.**

**Only God is “right”.**

The closest we can come to being “right” is when we are “crucified with Christ”, walking in his Spirit of Mercy.



**Lord, have mercy on us all!**

*Prayer: Yes, Lord, have mercy on us. Convict us of and release us from our self-righteous, critical mindsets. Help us to let go of the delusion of our own rightness, to let go of our tight grasp on our opinions about others and the issues that bother us. Instead, help us to grasp for, beg for, the hearts of mercy and compassion that you call us to. Lord without your mercy we continue to be whitewashed tombs, lured into the trap of being on the right side of issues, better than and more right than others, looking good in our own eyes...but being unclean and dead on the inside. May our only sense of rightness come from dwelling in your presence, letting go of ourselves, and willingly walking in your Spirit of Mercy. Amen.*

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