



L.E.A.N. Letter

"All On The Line" ©

How do you really know if you are living for Jesus? What are the thoughts circulating through your head? Are you really ready to "die" for your great King (**2 Timothy 2:11**)? Have you put all of your life on the line? How easy it is to spout words of passion for Jesus without later having the actions that follow. The greatest example of this was Peter. His love for Jesus was strong, sincere, and his words of conviction were spoken with certainty. Then the day came when Peter had to stand in all that he said. As it turned out, his actions could not match his words under times of duress and pressure. Although Peter was chosen to be the "rock" of the Lord's church (**Matthew 16:18**), he still had to live with that moment when he denied his beloved Jesus not once, not twice, but three times after professing countless expressions of self-sacrificial love for his Lord. One could only imagine the haunting memory of that fateful day that likely plagued Peter for the rest of his life.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, Peter's example is one that every modern day disciple can live vicariously through. Like Peter, professing passionate words from the human heart create a high level of accountability when not backed by action. Here are some things to consider as you progress in your relationship with Jesus:

- Are you truly ready to put your life on the line to see your words through?
- Have you fully identified that you are now a spirit-being more than a physical-being through your salvation (**John 3:5-7**)?
- Have you truly come to grips with the reality that you are an alien and no longer of this world as Jesus was/is not of this world (**John 17:14-16**)?
- Are you ready for the persecution that is to come (**2 Timothy 3:12**)? (You can only pray that your heart is righteous and true when the time of standing in what you believe becomes a reality.)
- Are you willing to put your family and friends, past traditions (**Mark 7:8**), and all areas of your life on the line so that you can be used by Jesus to fulfill your highest calling? If so, then know that the Lord will faithfully separate you since that is what He came to do (**Matthew 10:34-36**). Be prepared, however, for people, especially those closest to you, to shake their heads in disagreement and/or in disbelief. Be ready for the emotion that will come as a result of the reactions of loved ones who completely misunderstand your intentions and/or thoughts and beliefs simply because you are obeying your Lord (either by following personal instruction or the Word of God).
- Are you willing to embrace moments of discomfort as you are stretched in your faith so that you can be the most effective for advancing the Lord's Kingdom here on earth?
- Are you willing to sacrifice and separate yourself from the world and all that you have ever known to remain in the will of Jesus (**Romans 12:2**)? (Keep in mind that Jesus will faithfully give you the things of the world that you NEED, so let this never be an area of concern that you will ever go without as you live your life. (**Philippians 4:19**).)
- If led to do so, are you willing to part with ALL of your unnecessary worldly possessions (i.e. money, cars, wealth, etc.) in order to secure the "treasure" you know to be the real Truth and the real reality (**Matthew 19: 20-30**)?

Brothers and sisters, a lot of questions have been proposed, but questions remain questions until an answer is reached. Answers then become just answers until confronted with those moments when answers become real, and you are prompted to take action. These questions serve only as stepping stones to continue your transformation to effectively serve Jesus. Now, do you step on those stones or do you turn away? Do you fall through that "rabbit hole", or do you willfully jump? The choice is yours since there is no condemnation for those living a life in Christ Jesus (**Romans 8:1**). However, if in doubt about whether to step on those stones or to just jump, then just remember these words of truth as you put it all on the line...**YOUR LIFE IS BIGGER THAN YOU ARE!**

~ These inspired words are intended to strengthen the body of Christ so that we can eliminate unnecessary confusion and distraction of the world (spiritual obesity), and to set ourselves apart from the world so that we can stand out as the mighty warriors we are called to be in Jesus' name! (These inspired messages/teachings are never to substitute the pure Word of God found in The Holy Bible.) ~

May you be blessed, and may you "Live L.E.A.N. (Loving Everyone As Neighbors)...Live Long!"

~Scripture passages are cited using the NIV Bible.~