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Encouraging people to "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (2 Timothy 2:15)

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AND MANY FALSE PROPHETS SHALL RISE, AND SHALL DECEIVE MANY (Matthew 24:11)



Modern False Prophets

Jesus was asked, "Tell us, when shall these things be? and what [shall be] the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?" (Matthew 24:3). So many

people are excited when lots of earthquakes occur, that four hurricanes hit Florida in one year, volcanic activity, early winters in the west, and other disasters. Also, people point out that heart attacks are on the increase, the polarization of people over issues, etc. Although those do constitute signs of the days we live in, that is not what Jesus was concerned about.

"And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you" (Matthew 24:4). "And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many" (Matthew 24:11). "For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if [it were] possible, they shall deceive the very elect" (Matthew 24:24). "But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; And shall begin to smite [his] fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for [him], and in an hour that he is not aware of, And shall cut him asunder, and appoint [him] his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth" (Matthew 24:48-51).

Jesus was concerned about false prophets and teachers leading people

away with signs, false teachings, and other subtle moves. And if that were not enough, the false servants of the Lord would attack the true representatives.

False Concepts of False Prophets

Many believe that a false prophet is one connected directly to Satan and are purposely deceiving people. But this is not so. A lie that is taught from generation to generation eventually appears to be the way of life and even accepted as truth. The generation teaching it today are sincerely teaching what they think is truth but by neglect of studying in that area, it is hard to convince them otherwise. Take for instance Christmas. December 25 is not the birth of Christ, yet up until the 1960's, just about everyone accepted it as such and it was taught that way. There were a few that tried to teach that the birth of Jesus is more like September or October but they were looked upon as fanatics. Today, most do not believe Jesus was born on December 25, yet most of the Christian world still adheres to the practice even though in a sermon they may, on that day, state that Jesus was not born today. Keep in mind that actions do speak louder than words.

Another misunderstanding is that a false prophet is mean, hateful, and downright bloodthirsty. In reality, a false prophet would not earn the trust of the people if good works were not associated with them. The Bible even states, "For such [are] false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light" (2 Corinthians 11:13-14). Their actions can be of such good appearance that they appear angelic.

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What Constitutes A False Prophet?

There are a number of tests that a prophet must pass. The most important test is that of passing all of the tests. Let us examine each one keeping in mind that all of the tests must be perfectly fulfilled.

1. Numbers 12:6 *"And he said, Hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you, [I] the LORD will make myself known unto him in a vision, [and] will speak unto him in a dream."* The first test is that a prophet receives messages from God through visions and dreams. That means that Nostradamus and the like who use some other object to receive visions is actually Satan's tool despite the apparent harmless appearance and even good purposes.

2. Deuteronomy 18:22 *"When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that [is] the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, [but] the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him."* A prophet must be 100% accurate when he or she says, "The Lord has revealed..." If there is an error, that person is not of God because God is never wrong. Amen? To not be afraid of a person in the Bible context is to not give respect to the words spoken. In other words, do not spend your time listening to them and especially do not obey them nor fear their predictions. They may be 88% accurate, but they are still not God's minister, but a false minister in sheep's clothing. They could even do wonderful works of mercy and yet still not be God's minister for the cry of the lost ministers and followers will be *"Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?"* (Matthew 7:22). So when Pat Robertson said on February 19, 2004, *"I think George Bush is going to win in a walk. I'm hearing from the Lord that it's going to be a blowout"*, what are we to make of this? Was God wrong? No. Did Pat take on the role of a prophet? Yes. Any time someone says that "the Lord has told me..." has taken the role of a prophet. God's rule is that He is 100% accurate. On November 2, 2004, the election was not a blowout. In fact, George Bush won by a slim margin. In the early 1990's, Pat Robertson also said that God told him that George Bush would easily win re-election. As you know, Clinton got in. The day after the election, Pat excused the error

with, "When God told me that George Bush would win re-election that was before Perot had entered the race." That may be true, but the true God knew what Perot would do. Despite the marvelous helps in the various ministries Pat and his supporters do, God marks Him as a false prophet. [For those concerned that naming names is unchristian, just remember the true Jesus Christ told His disciples to not listen to the Scribes and Pharisees (Matthew 16:11-12) and publicly attacked their public errors, even calling them names such as hypocrites (Matthew 15:7) and "whited sepulchers" (Matthew 23:27). There is hope for Pat still. Why? He is living and breathing.]

3. Deuteronomy 13:1-4 *"If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder, And the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them; Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the LORD your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Ye shall walk after the LORD your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him."* God says that He will allow false prophets to be accurate in their predictions, but test what they say. If they speak contrary to the Word of God or His commandments, God wants to know whom you will follow. Will you follow God or the false prophet? And many do follow after false prophets especially those who speak against the law. This is reiterated in Isaiah 8:20, *"To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, [it is] because [there is] no light in them."* Now speaking against the law does not mean they simply attack it, but that they water down the meaning. The Pharisees did this well. *"For Moses said, Honour thy father and thy mother; and, Whoso curseth father or mother, let him die the death: But ye say, If a man shall say to his father or mother, [It is] Corban, that is to say, a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; [he shall be free]"* (Mark 7:10-11). Was there a direct attack on this commandment? No. They simply watered it down, using even good reasoning. Much

like today. There is a fight for the Ten Commandments to be displayed. Many say that they are the Commandments and not the Suggestions. This implies that people keep it. But when another states that those who break the commandments will not be in heaven because commandment keeping is a revealed character change empowered through Christ, the backlash is that we are not saved by the commandments, they have been nailed to the cross, and so on. So which is it? Are we to obey or break them? If we may not hold strict obedience, then who determines the lesser level? And if there is no need to keep the commandments, what is the difference between a Christian and a non-Christian? Is it just the fact that Christians go to heaven? Do you think the Father sent His Son to die to permit this? Do you not think that there should be a stark difference between the saved and the lost? This is one of the lies that has been taught for centuries and now it is so difficult to have people understand the truth about the commandments.

4. 2 Kings 5:15-16 *"And he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and came, and stood before him: and he said, Behold, now I know that [there is] no God in all the earth, but in Israel: now therefore, I pray thee, take a blessing of thy servant. But he said, [As] the LORD liveth, before whom I stand, I will receive none. And he urged him to take [it]; but he refused."* Naaman was trying to give a reward unto Elisha who refused to accept it. From this illustration, a prophet does not charge a fee. That eliminates palm readers as well as those 1-900 numbers.

5. 2 Peter 1:20 *"Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation."* A prophet does not reinterpret another prophet's visions and dreams; rather, they speak in harmony with those interpretations.

6. 2 Peter 1:21 *"For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake [as they were] moved by the Holy Ghost."* All credit is given to God and never taken upon themselves. Remember whom we are to edify.

7. Isaiah 58:1 *"Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins."* Prophets are not for enjoyment but rather for revealing the sins

of the people and to call them to repentance. And it is not an easy job. People do not like to hear that they have to change their ways. No wonder prophets have been killed and stoned. That means if there is a prophet that is popular to listen to, more than likely it is not God's prophet.

8. Isaiah 24:21 *"And it shall come to pass in that day, [that] the LORD shall punish the host of the high ones [that are] on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth."* Isaiah being our example here, prophets always reveal God's judgment that is coming upon the earth and upon those who choose not to repent. Prophets are not sent to congratulate.

9. 1 Corinthians 14:4 *"He that speaketh in an [unknown] tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church."* If the prophet begins to call people to follow him or her, that is not God's prophet. God's prophet will lift up the church and draw people to be more active in the church.

10. Daniel 10:17 *"For how can the servant of this my lord talk with this my lord? for as for me, straightway there remained no strength in me, neither is there breath left in me."* A prophet will not breathe during a vision and will lose all consciousness.

11. Matthew 7:16-20 *"Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither [can] a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.*

Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them." Now be careful. Let us not judge the skin of the fruit. The fruit may look good but be rotten on the inside. Their entire character has to be put under a magnifying glass. Now we are not judging the person as going to heaven or hell, for the Bible condemns such, however, we are told to judge the actions if they be right or wrong. So if a prophet preaches one message and lives another that is not a prophet of God.

12. 1 Corinthians 14:32 *"And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets."* If there is any contradiction to previous prophets proven to be of God, it is a false prophet.

God's Pattern

That is twelve tests with the addition that

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BIBLE STUDY



Revelation's Conglomerate Beast Part 6 (Revelation 13:2)

1. What did the iron represent, which matches the unnamed beast of Daniel 7? **Daniel 2:40**
2. What actions did it perform to create pieces? **Daniel 2:40, Daniel 7:7**
3. Who caused many to be willing to hand Jesus over to be put to death because it was so feared? **John 11:47-48**

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S STUDY:

Revelation's Conglomerate Beast Part 5 (Revelation 13:2)

1. What do the thighs of brass represent, which matches the leopard in chapter 7 and the piece of the beast in Revelation 13? **Daniel 2:39** (second half) *"And another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth."*

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all tests must be 100% satisfied. Additionally, God has a pattern that He works with. He predicts the event well before it occurs with one or more prophets, and when the event is to occur another prophet(s) issues the final warnings. Let us look at a few examples.

1. Who predicted well in advance that the flood was coming? Enoch by naming his son Methuselah, which means, "At his death, it shall come." Which prophet was used to warn the people when the time of the flood was to be fulfilled? Noah.
2. Who predicted the captivity of the Israelites in Egypt? Abraham (Genesis 15:13). Which prophet brought them out of Egypt? Moses.
3. Who predicted the Babylonian captivity? Jeremiah (Jeremiah 25:11-12). Which prophet was around during that time? Daniel.
4. Who predicted the first coming of Jesus? Just about all of the Old Testament prophets. Which prophet ushered in the first coming of Jesus? John the Baptist.

Among Us?

THAT THOU MAYEST PROSPER AND BE IN HEALTH, EVEN AS THY SOUL PROSPERETH (3 John 1:2)



HEALTH SNIPPET:

Topic: Dangers of Ignorance

1 Peter 1:13-16
"Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind,

be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy."

Ignorance is not bliss. Ignorance in some areas may cause very unhealthy conditions. Ignoring the label that tells you not to use for internal purposes can lead to vomiting or even death. Ignorance of God's Word concerning health principles can also

"But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction" (2 Peter 2:1).

Conclusion

"Quench not the Spirit. Despise not prophesyings. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good" (1 Thessalonians 5:19-20). The Holy Spirit is active but the Devil is even more active. Satan rarely just counterfeits something. He usually offers dozens of options to God's true one. Do not be discouraged, do not declare that it is too hard to discern the right messengers. Do not give up hope.

Begin with *"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15). And then you will be ready to "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man" (Luke 21:36).*

HEALTHY ALTERNATIVE RECIPE:

Garden Burgers

- 2 medium carrots, grated
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 tsp. parsley
- ½ c. pumpkin seeds, ground
- ½-1 c. celery, chopped
- 6 oz. Vegetable broth
- ¼ c. barley, wheat flakes, or rolled oats
- 1 tsp. salt
- ¾ tsp. sweet basil

Form into patties and bake on a non-stick cookie sheet at 350° for 30 minutes.

have similar affects. Seek to become aware and intelligent regarding health issues.

Just because it has been the normal thing to do for the past decades does not make it right. Remember, to relieve a headache, one used to be left to bleed it out. Just

because science says so does not mean it is not influenced by profit. Question everything.

TRAIN UP A CHILD IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO: AND WHEN HE IS OLD, HE WILL NOT DEPART FROM IT (Prov. 22:6)



Character Examples From the Bible – John, a son of thunder

Mark 3:17 “And James the [son] of Zebedee, and John the brother of James; and he surnamed them Boanerges, which is, The sons of thunder.”

Both James and John were sons of thunder. An evil temper, the desire for

revenge, and the spirit of criticism, were all in the disciple, John. This same thunderous person was transformed into the person whom Jesus loved (John 13:23) and nicknamed “the beloved.”

That means that if a child has an evil temper, there is no excuse for it. If John can surrender his temper, any child can be taught to surrender theirs by the power of Jesus Christ.

NEWS FOR CHILDREN OF LIGHT (1 Thessalonians 5:5)



The following are “sudden destruction” news items that appeared between September 16 and October 15, 2004.

[Preview future “sudden destruction” news snippets at www.tstl.net/suddendestruction.]

▶▶The State (SC), October 11, 2004 - Ministers' role in close presidential race intensifies

While ministers and politicians have joined forces at campaign time for years, the level of religious involvement has intensified this year, observers say.

COMMENT: “And upon her forehead [was] a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE

EARTH” (Revelation 17:5). Since 9-11, this is exactly what we believed happened. We believed that the war on terrorism is more than militant Muslims against Christians, although the US continues to deny this being a religious war. We believed that there was a sudden thrust in a new religious thinking making stronger alliances between the faiths not necessarily on the right reason. And despite some scholars thinking they have proof of politics being in the Bible and Jesus was involved, we state that there is no such thing for there is ample evidence showing how to get along with political systems. With that in mind, the reason the associated verse was chosen is that to mix politics and religions as a system that forces is committing spiritual adultery. The ultimate system is the mother of harlots. The daughters are those lining up with her, not based wholly on the Bible, but compromises.

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2. What two beasts did Daniel see in chapter 8? **Daniel 8:3, 5** “Then I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and, behold, there stood before the river a ram which had [two] horns: and the [two] horns [were] high; but one [was] higher than the other, and the higher came up last. And as I was considering, behold, an he goat came from the west on the face of the whole earth, and touched not the ground: and the goat [had] a notable horn between his eyes.”
3. What did the first beast represent? **Daniel 8:20** “The ram which thou sawest having [two] horns [are] the kings of Media and Persia.”
4. What did the second beast represent? **Daniel 8:21** “And the rough goat [is] the king of Grecia: and the great horn that [is] between his eyes [is] the first king.”



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ANSWERS FOUND IN THE SCRIPTURE OF TRUTH (Daniel 10:21)



QUESTION #1 – Paul recommended not to get married. If everyone would have obeyed, there would be no church today. He argued the nearness of time. Does that make him a false prophet seeing the time was not so near?

ANSWER #1 – 1 Corinthians 7:29 *“But this I say, brethren, the time [is] short: it remaineth, that both they that have wives be as though they had none.”*

Although his generation is in the grave, no generation knows for sure if it is the last generation. If the generation would be faithfully handling the truths properly, it could be the last generation.

Not only was the time not as short as Paul's generation, a hundred or more generations have since passed.

What it comes down to is the fact that if you are inspired of God to be spreading the gospel more than the average church member, it is better to not marry and hinder your work. How is it hindered? Unless you marry a truly converted person, one even better than yourself, the draw of necessary attention is taken from the primary work.

In short, the time for all of us is short. Until we are converted until the time our usefulness dwindles with age, the time is quite short. If we really take the message seriously, we do not have time for marriage and families.

QUESTION #2 – Can you please explain 1 Corinthians 12:3? Looks like the Spirit is with just about any Christian.

ANSWER #2 – 1 Corinthians 12:3 says, *“Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and [that] no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.”*

If this is taken as simply a verbal acknowledgment then you are correct, just about every Christian can mouth those words, but it takes a lot more to live those words for if Jesus is Lord that means He has commands to follow. And of course He does – they are the Ten Commandments.

So anyone can say those words, but can they say it with an honest heart. That is what the verse refers to.

Now it appears we have no verse to back up our statements, but we have a similar example and principle.

The Bible says, *“And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house”* (Acts 16:31). So does this mean that if one says that they believe that they are saved? Absolutely not as per the discussion already stated. Now for a *“Thus Saith the Lord.” “Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble”* (James 2:19). Evidently it is not mere head knowledge. It is much more than mouthing the words that you believe and even having the full knowledge of His existence. It requires the heart.

Are we sure the words uttered from the heart is the issue? *“In transgressing and lying against the LORD, and departing away from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood”* (Isaiah 59:13). *“But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man”* (Matthew 15:18). *“But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you”* (Romans 6:17). *“Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart”* (Ephesians 6:6). The last verse is a direct answer to the question. The previous three verses are examples of utterances and motives being judged for both good and bad based upon the heart.

QUESTION #3 – Who wrote the Ten Commandments?

ANSWER #3 – First, Jesus declared that He is known as *“I AM”* (John 8:58). *“Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham? Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.”* We know that this statement did not merely have Jesus stating that *“I AM”* existed but in fact that He was

declaring Himself to be the "I AM" because the reaction of the Jews in verse 52 happens to be the fact that they "Then took they up stones to cast at him" (John 8:59).

Second, who was with Moses? "And God

said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you" (Exodus 3:14).

WHO HATH BELIEVED OUR REPORT? AND TO WHOM IS THE ARM OF THE LORD REVEALED?

(Isaiah 53:1)

- COMMENTS ON ITEMS IN THE NEWS -



The following are news items that appeared between September 16 and October 15, 2004. [Preview future news snippets at www.tstl.net/news.]

►► Fox News, September 27, 2004 - Jeanne Weakens Over Georgia

The fourth hurricane in six weeks to ravage Florida and the surrounding region shut down much of the Sunshine State over the weekend and killed at least six people, prompting recovery plans on a scale never before seen in the nation.

COMMENT: Luke 21:11 "And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven."

►► BBC, September 26, 2004 - Sweet temptation back to church

The Church of England is launching a pilot scheme to attract people back to church - by offering a bar of fair trade chocolate to every worshipper.

COMMENT: "If ye love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15), not bribed. Chocolate is an obvious bribe, but what about not so obvious bribes. Do you go to the church you go to because you like the people, the pastor, the music, the building, the social events, the... Did you know there is only one consideration of where to go to church? "The church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth" (1 Timothy 3:15). There is a difference between Bible based and using the Bible.

►► CNN, September 22, 2004 - Naked yoga OK in San Francisco

City prosecutors Wednesday said it was not illegal to perform naked yoga in the city -- even at the crowded tourist destination of Fisherman's Wharf.

COMMENT: "In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array" (1 Timothy 2:9). Though directed at women, for God made men to be enticed by eyesight, nakedness of a man is still not permitted. So though something is legal, it does not mean it is right in God's eyes. And speaking of women dressing modestly, any woman or even a man that dresses in an enticing manner is committing adultery. Adultery begins with the enticement (Matthew 5:28). To continue to dress in such a manner and call oneself a Christian is one who is deceived and bringing a bad name upon the church. Repent and truly believe in the power of Jesus Christ to transform the person completely (1 Thessalonians 5:23).

►► WorldNetDaily, September, 19, 2004 - 'Saint Bill Clinton' ignites religious rage

While Americans have a wide range of views regarding former President Bill Clinton, a Kentucky artist's depiction of the former commander in chief as God himself or a Catholic-style saint is raising those opinions to passionate levels across the nation. The portrait, titled "Saint Clinton," is the creation of Scott Ritcher, a 34-year-old graphic designer who is now marketing T-shirts, posters, magnets, coffee cups, coasters and even lunchboxes with the picture reminiscent of the "Sacred Heart of Jesus" images.

COMMENT: "And that ye may put difference between holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean" (Leviticus 10:10).






BIBLE THOUGHT

Get Our Eyes Off Of
Others

John 21:20-22 Then Peter, turning about, seeth the disciple whom Jesus loved following; which also leaned on his breast at supper, and said, Lord, which is he that betrayeth thee? Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, and what [shall] this man [do]? Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what [is that] to thee? follow thou me.

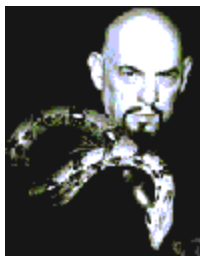
There are too many things in mine own life to be concerned about, let alone being concerned what others are doing. A family man also needs to be concerned about the wife and children. That is more responsibility than a single person can handle. Why spend so much time worrying what others are doing. Even when it is a good thing such as the service for the Lord. Present the needs before the congregation and do not worry that the usual twenty percent end up doing eighty percent of the work. Convincing the other eighty percent will not be acceptable unto God anyways because God accepts only work from the heart.

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