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PERSECUTION WILL COME!

In 2 Timothy 3:12 we read, *“Yea, and all that will live righteously in Yahshua Messiah shall suffer persecution.”*

We all can attest that this sobering statement is true. All who determine to follow Yahweh are going to be persecuted. It is as sure as the rising and setting of the sun.

We should not be at all surprised as Yahshua said in John 15:20, *“The servant is not greater than his master. If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you.”* Read also Philippians 1:29 which confirms, *“For unto you it is given in the behalf of Messiah, not only to believe on Him, but also to suffer for His sake.”*

Persecution comes in different forms depending on the place and time you are living. In poor countries, the persecution often comes in the form of physical suffering (lack of adequate food and shelter), whereas in wealthier countries, it often comes in the form of job discrimination, slander, family and peer pressures, and emotional stress. In some countries, religious persecution is so severe that imprisonment and even death are not uncommon.

We must keep following Yahweh no matter what persecutions we suffer. We should follow Moses' example as mentioned in Hebrews 11:25, which says *“choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of Yahweh, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season.”*

Paul finished his course in martyrdom, but he had kept the faith until the end (2 Timothy 4:7). *“For light affliction,”* he said, *“which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.”*

Let us not lose heart when we suffer for the truth as found in Scripture. Keep following Yahweh until the day you draw your last breath!



The Heart Yahweh Revives



“The Sacrifices of Yahweh are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O Yahweh, thou wilt not despise.” Psalm 51:17.

The following was presented by Nancy DeMoss during the November Fasting & Prayer '95 convocation in Los Angeles.

Proud People...(These are the traits you **don't** want!)

- focus on the failures of others.
- have a critical, fault-finding spirit; look at every one else's faults with a microscope, but their own with a telescope.
- are self-righteous; look down on others.
- have an independent, self-sufficient spirit.
- have to prove they are right.
- claim rights, have a demanding spirit.
- are self-protective of their time, their rights, and their reputation.
- desire to be served.
- desire to be a success.
- desire self-advancement.
- have a drive to be recognized and appreciated.
- are wounded when others are promoted and they are overlooked.
- have a subconscious feeling, “This ministry is privileged to have me and my gifts.”
- feel confident in how much they know.
- are self-conscious.
- keep others at arms' length.
- are quick to blame others.
- are unapproachable or defensive when criticized.
- work to protect their own image and reputation.
- find it difficult to share their spiritual needs with others.
- want to be sure no one finds out when they sin; their instinct is to cover up.
- have a hard time saying, “I was wrong; will you please forgive me?”
- tend to deal in generalities when confessing sin.
- are concerned about the consequences of their sin.
- are sorry they got found out or caught.
- wait for others to apologize.
- compare themselves to others and feel worthy of honor.
- are blind to their true heart condition.
- don't think they have anything to repent of.

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The Heart Yahweh Revives, continued

Broken People...(These are the traits you **do** want!)

- are overwhelmed with a sense of their own spiritual need.
- are compassionate; can forgive much because they know how much they have been forgiven.
- esteem all others better than themselves.
- have a dependent spirit; recognize their need for others.
- are willing to yield their right to be right.
- are self-denying.
- are motivated to serve others.
- are motivated to be faithful and to make others a success.
- desire to promote others.
- have a sense of their own unworthiness; are thrilled that Yahweh would use them at all.
- are eager for others to get the credit and rejoice when others are lifted up.
- have a heart attitude that says, “I don’t deserve to have a part in any ministry”, know that they have nothing to offer Yahweh except the life of Yahshua flowing through their broken lives.
- are humbled by how very much they have to learn.
- are not concerned with self at all.
- are willing to risk getting close to others and to take risks of loving intimately.
- accept personal responsibility and can see where they are wrong in a situation.
- receive criticism with a humble, open spirit.
- are concerned with being real; what matters to them is not what others think but what Yahweh knows; are willing to die to their own reputation.
- are willing to be open and transparent with others as Yahweh directs.
- once broken, don’t care who knows or who finds out; are willing to be exposed because they have nothing to lose.
- are quick to admit failure and to seek forgiveness when necessary.
- are able to acknowledge specifics when confessing their sin.
- are grieved over the cause, the root of their sin.
- are truly genuinely repentant over their sin, evidenced in the fact that they forsake that sin.
- take the initiative to be reconciled when there is misunderstanding or conflict in relationships.
- compare themselves to the holiness of Yahweh and feel a desperate need for His mercy.
- walk in the light.
- realize they have need of a continual heart and attitude of repentance.
- continually sense their need for a fresh encounter with Yahweh and for a fresh filling of His Holy Spirit.



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Success

Success is speaking words of praise
In cheering other people's ways
In doing just the best you can with every task and every plan
It's silence when your speech would hurt
Politeness when your neighbor's curt
It's deafness when the scandal flows and sympathy with
Other's woes
It's loyalty when duty calls
It's courage when disaster falls
It's patience when the hours are long
It's found in laughter and in song
It's in the silent time of prayer
In happiness and despair
In all of life and nothing less
We find the thing we call success

(Submitted by Jan Meyer, author unknown)



Dare

Dare to make your dreams come true
Dare to be a better you
Dare to choose kind words to say
Dare to walk the higher way
Dare to give a helping hand
Dare to make a better land
Dare to smile when skies are gray
Dare to share a brighter day

(By William Arthur Ward, submitted by Jan Meyer)

