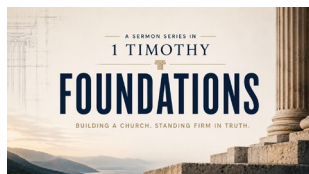




The Jesus Algorithm 1 Timothy 6:1-10



STICKY STATEMENT:

Be careful that you don't reshape Christianity into something that looks more like you than Christ.

We live in a world that increasingly reshapes itself around our preferences. The danger is that we can begin expecting Christianity to do the same.

We cannot shape our faith or the Lord of our faith to fit us.

The purpose of following Jesus has never been to make Jesus look more like you. It's to make you look more like Jesus.

THREE WARNINGS ABOUT RESHAPING OUR FAITH

1. DON'T LET YOUR _____ DETERMINE YOUR FAITHFULNESS.

“Let all who are under a yoke as bondservants regard their own masters as worthy of all honor, so that the name of God and the teaching may not be reviled.” 1 Tim. 6:1

Our circumstances may change, but our calling to faithfulness doesn't.

We may be the ONLY insight into what it means to be a Christian that someone ever sees.

2. DON'T CONFUSE _____ ABOUT GOD WITH GODLINESS.

“These are the wholesome teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ. These teachings promote a godly life.” 1 Tim. 6:3

Head knowledge puffs up, but heart knowledge humbles.

“Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up.” 1 Cor. 8:1

If the pursuit of Christ leads me away from His character, I have lost the path.

3. DON'T MISTAKE HAVING _____ FOR HAVING ENOUGH.

“Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth.” 1 Tim. 6:6

Enough is not an amount; it's a heart posture.

The gain isn't getting more. The gain is learning that, because of Jesus, you already have enough.

Conclusion

Circumstances, knowledge, and desires don't get to reshape what it means for us to be Christian.

We don't shape the King. The King shapes us.

Ask yourself:

- Have I been using difficult circumstances as an excuse for unfaithfulness?
- Do I make Jesus look better or worse to the people watching me?
- Is what I know about Jesus actually making me more like Jesus?
- Am I becoming more humble or haughty when I grow in knowledge?
- Do I think more about what I do or don't have?
- Do I possess my possessions... or do they possess me?

