

Matthew 25:37

Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink?'

In this parable that Jesus spoke about doing for others. Six words, or one particular question pops out to me, and those words or question is “*Lord, when did we see You?*” and if you think about it they had to ask that question because they were helping and doing for others from their hearts, and not to earn favor or brownie points with the Lord.

But that does not seem to be the mindset today and in these times, even in the church. It’s more about.

Does it fit into my schedule?

Do I feel comfortable about this?

How will others see or perceive me if I do that, or help that person?

Will God reward me if I do this?

If I post pictures on social media of me doing this, will everyone think I am a great Christian?

I know some of those questions sound crazy, yet that is what has happened to the world today. Yet the world, not the bible or God, but the world has taught us those things. It has taught us to question everything and everyone instead of taking the bible at face value for what God says, so people question it, wanting to know what they can get out of doing. And with that worldly mindset, we bring those same thoughts and actions into the church, where church is not longer about being equipped to go server or share the gospel with others, but it has turned out to be all about me and my needs and what I wants a blah, blah, blah, me, me, me.

Jesus warned us that the world would hate us as Christians.

† **John 15:18-19** *If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.*

Yet we do not want to be hated, and the mindset of the church is that if people don’t like you then you are being a bad Christian, and some try to justify that by saying that you are judging others and not being loving. But the reality is that we chose to live a life pleasing the Lord and not the world, but the world feels guilty around us, because if you think about it, the world does know right from wrong, good from bad. Yet they want the wrong and bad, and say we are the bad ones for not accepting their bad lifestyle.

† **Isaiah 5:20** *Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!*

So go out and do for others, not caring what others think, but rather simply because you love and care for others, just like Jesus taught us to do.

† **2 Timothy 3:4 (NLT2)** *They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God.*

† **Acts 4:19** *But Peter and John answered and said to them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge.*