GOD IS NOT PLEASED WITH THEATRICS

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2nd Corinthians 4:1-2

Preachers who preach with theatrics have **NO** power!

Theatrics is the cheap substitute for power. It is the appearance of someone saying something deep yet having not substance. It is the illusion of power yet void of change. It is the glare of righteousness yet the lack of wisdom.

Theatrics are dramatic performances driven by excessive emotions. Many preachers and congregants confuse performance with power. Yelling, animation and bodily antics does not reflect the power of God. It is a display of human emotion. If a person's antics are void of substance and truth God is not pleased!

The Gospel of King Jesus does not need to be dramatized to be powerful. It can stand alone in its own power. The words of the Bible are powerful by themselves. When people attempt to use theatrics to masquerade as the power of God they **DO NOT** understand what they are reading.

2nd Corinthian4:1-2 says, "God, with his mercy, gave us this work to do, so we don't give up. But we have turned away from secret and shameful ways. We use no trickery, and we do not change the teaching of God. We teach the truth plainly, showing everyone who we are. Then they can know in their hearts what kind of people we are in God's sight."

In the scripture above there are two points you need to pay attention to. They scripture states that "they use no trickery." No deceptive practices was used when preaching the Gospel. They didn't use gimmicks, schemes or bait to lure people to accept the Gospel.

The scripture also states that "they taught the truth plainly, showing everyone who they are." Think about that. They taught the truth **PLAINLY**. They didn't add to God's word.

They didn't customize God's word to fit people's need. Anything that is plain is **CLEAR**. It's not blurred, confusing or contaminated. In other words, the message was **PURE**.

THESE PREACHERS ARTICULATED THE GOSPEL THE WAY IT WAS MEANT TO BE PREACHED. If you preach or teach the constitution (Bible) in its true purpose and form you will impact more people than you believe. You will change more lives than you can understand. You will make a difference beyond what you can imagine.

YOU DON'T NEED THEATRICS

Theatrics are easily forgotten. Truth is remembered!
Theatrics gets boring overtime. The truth doesn't.
Theatrics eventually becomes predictable. The truth doesn't. Theatrics doesn't deliver people .The truth does.

Theatrics doesn't heal people. The truth does.

Theatrics doesn't draw people to God. The truth does.

Theatrics doesn't please God. The truth does.

THERE IS POWER IN THE TRUTH, NOT THEATRICS.

If you do not have the booming preaching voice, so what. If you are not charismatic, so what. If you are not animated, so what. The **ONLY** thing that matters is that you are able to rightly divide the word of truth and preach it **ACCURATELY** and **PLAINLY** without trickery.

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

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