

Tonight we would be looking at O=Original...being the true image of God.

Our anchor scripture since we started... Hebrews 9:14...please take note of the highlighted part.

How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

I would need at least five people's response to the question I am about to post

Question : Why do we still struggle with being the true image of God or why does it seem impossible?

Answer 1: Because sometimes we struggle with sin and addictions

Because of our flesh

Answer 2: No cause we surrender not to the Holy Spirit

Answer 3: We depend on our strength and wisdom, not the Holy Spirit

Answer 4: We don't trust him enough Sometimes and this is true with me, the gift of God seems too good to be true. Like "I don't think its possible for a holy God to love a sinner like me" kinda thing. So sometimes we even reject it, consciously or unconsciously.

Thanks ladies

We are all correct

Do we all notice the trend of us in our replies?

It is major about us

How we cannot

How we don't believe

How we see ourselves

It is not because we cannot be... But because all we can see is ourselves instead of the person we want to be like

Let's quickly look at our anchor scripture together

who is supposed to do the purging?

Did you see the Bible asking that you purge yourself?

That's where the issue starts from

It is the spirit of God that purges you from dead works.. It is not in your ability.

Let's read this scripture

1 Corinthians 3:18

But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Now we are talking about how to be original=being the true image of God

It is God who transforms us into his very image but there is a part we must play

You know, I think the issue is that we have decided not to play our part but instead waste energy playing his part

Maybe it's time we know our own roles and allow God be God

There is a Yoruba adage translated which says "if a leaf sticks to a soap for too long it becomes a soap"

So a very important step in being a true image of God is Beholding (dwelling)

You cannot be what you don't know or what you do not see

Or should I rather say...

You cannot be who you do not know or cannot see

How can you be a true image of God when you have not even seen his true image.

Is just like someone waking up one day and deciding to do a plastic surgery to look like Grandpa Aremo while he has never seen him before.

Let's look at some ways to Behold

1. With an open face. Coming before him bare

Just as you are

Remove your dark shade and stop hiding behind the veil

Come naked, dirty, tired, hungry..... As you are

I have a friend who thinks he has to clean up to an extent before he can be ready to surrender his life totally to God. He has been trying to 'clean up' for over five years now and he still hasn't been able to reach that point he thinks he needs to.

God is not asking you to clean up and come, he is saying come as you are and allow me do the cleaning

When you come the way you are and *behold him* he helps you see you through his eyes and not as the world sees you or the devil keeps screaming in your head

Masturbation kept ringing in my mind as I was typing this message.

(I don't know who this is for)

God knows what level you are in and how hard you are trying to fight it but is actually the problem. It's you trying to fight it yourself.

He wants to take you out of it and the only thing he requires is that you dwell in him till he totally rubs off on you. There is no iota of sin in him so whatever you are struggling with cannot dwell in him.

Yours might not be masturbation... but whatever it might be.... 2 Corinthians 3:18 is your

password to being free of it

2. Knowing Him for yourself.

It is not enough to know about him from people but taking it a step further to knowing him personally.

3. Think about Him.

When his thought fills your mind, there would be no room for anything contrary. Can you imagine someone who just stood from being slain in the spirit having energy to fight someone immediately. Thinking about him keeps you in tune with him.

Allow his thought fills you up

Talk about Him

Don't keep him locked up in your thoughts....

Everyone should know He's "your life" just like they know your name

I was reading a book and the author told a story of a lady she met after service for a few minutes but made her go home, lock herself in her room and just spend time with God. Though they attend the same church for years, they never got to talk. After service that day, spoke for a few minutes, just normal greetings and all but by the time she would leave, she just knew that she needed to spend more time with God. Without throwing it in her face or meaning to, the lady just couldn't help showing off God in every of the conversation they had

4. Spend time with Him

Prayer (communication with God) should not just end at a fixed daily prayer time. You should carry him into your daily activity. Talk to him about the most important thing and the silliest thing you can imagine. His person rubs off on you.

He is supposed to be your first bestie

So don't leave him in your prayer closet on your way out of the house

5. Spend time in His word.

His word is like his biography. Digest the word so much that it becomes a part of you. This gives you a revelation of who he is and who you should be.

6. Meditate on his word.

This is another way of thinking about him and giving you a consciousness of his person.

7. Confess his word.

I super love confessions mehn... I had to paint my room in black and write my confessions on it

The moment I open my eyes in the morning (and there is light) it's the first thing I see

I even painted a part in my toilet where I wrote my scripture for the year

"be still and know that I am God" psalm 46:10

Why?

Just like the Bible ask that we write the visions and make it clear

There is a need to write "who you are" and make it clear

Write it everywhere write able so that you cannot forget

Use it as your screen saver... Recite it and use it as your ringneck.

There is a reason I use #daddyslove in almost all of my post

It is not because I want people to call me that

It is consciously telling myself I am Daddy's love

I cannot live short of that

I would scream I am the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus whether I feel it or not... Because that is who I am

Being the true image of God doesn't stop at knowing, you have to speak it and live it!

Paul couldn't have said it better

"It is no longer I that live, but Christ that lives in me"

Then another scripture put it more romantically

"As He is, so am I in this world"

I am already feeling all romantic. lemme go back to my note so I can end

I must say at this point that it is he who helps you become more like him each day. You have your parts to play but it is not something you can do without him.

I will ask that we meditate on 2 Corinthians 3:18 for as long as we can and I trust the Holy Spirit to enlighten us more.

Finally I would leave us with this scripture

Ephesians 1:18

The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

This is a prayer I believe every Christian should pray/ confess as often as possible.

It is only God that opens our eyes and heart to know how we can truly be like him.

Any question before we close please?

Question: Can God do this through pple?

Answer: Yes, he most definitely can

That's why Paul said we are the epistle people read

Paraphrased

We all know in part, so God can teach you a part you don't know yet through someone who knows already.

God can show you an aspect of himself through the life of someone. That's how it should be people should see us and see an aspect of God

Question : So that means

We don't necessarily have to hear the gentle voice of the spirit

He can simply speak to us through the word of God, Human beings (spirit filled) and our environment (the atmosphere)

Answer : Hmmmm

In answer to this, I would say

Don't put God in a box

He chooses how he deems best to reach us at all times

Through the promptings of the Holy Spirit or through his vessels

He would not contradict himself

I have been in situations when 'men of God's have said things my spirit did not agree with at those moments

That's why it is super important you have a personal relationship with God and know him for yourself

Every child should be able to hear and recognize the voice of the Father, don't allow the devil tell you otherwise.

As you grow in your relationship with him, you become more familiar with his voice.