

## Daily Devotional, July 8, 2020

### “Wisdom is Justified by all Her Children”, (Luke 7:35, NKJV)

*“And the Lord said, “To what then shall I liken the men of this generation, and what are they like? They are like children sitting in the marketplace and calling to one another, saying: ‘We played the flute for you, And you did not dance; We mourned to you, And you did not weep.’ For John the Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine, and you say, ‘He has a demon.’ The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, ‘Look, a glutton and a winebibber, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ But wisdom is justified by all her children.”” (Luke 7:31-35)*

In this passage, Jesus is condemning the Jewish leaders of the day for making conformity to their ideas more important than the truth of God. They expected everyone else to fall in lockstep with them. They criticized John the Baptist for his ascetic lifestyle, and they also criticized Jesus for His willingness to go to sinners for the purpose of presenting the gospel.

This passage is a scathing condemnation of the “cancel culture crowd.” If you do not use the correct language the correct way, or conform to the letter to the beliefs of those who claim to have the moral high ground, you are excoriated. In many cases, reputations and lives of good men and women have suffered harm because of the groupthink of the masses. The message of the mob has led to poorer quality of life and more violence for many, from those in the inner cities to those in certain occupations. There is no fruit at all in many of these earthly causes, and “**all her children**” who follow blindly show no wisdom.

But we Christians walk in the light. We reflect the light of Christ. We are light reflectors, or so we ought to be. As children of God, let us seek spiritual awakening in our hearts, and with the resultant godly conduct, influence the culture for good. That means preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ both with our words and with our lives. Some of us do it quietly, and others of us do it ebulliently. To each according to his or her gifts and personality. The world system, led by the evil ruler of this world, is calling on men and women to conform to it. But we are called to conform to Christ, and act as His children in this dark world, even exposing the works of darkness and pulling others from that kingdom into the glorious kingdom of God, which is entered by faith in Jesus Christ. “**Wisdom is justified by all her children.**”