

Red Letter Edition

What did Jesus Say?



Have You Ever Heard "The Truth is a Runaway Train"?

Sometimes I think it is so - that truth is a runaway train. Once you get on board it is amazing where and at what rate it seems to move. When one decides to follow truth and verity in their life one must hold tight to see where it leads. Discouragement can occur when one follows truth and they find that they have been wrong and, in some cases, sinning unknowingly.

One soon finds that righteousness is a great part of this journey. As awareness of error increases, thoughts start creeping in that they are themselves hopelessly unrighteous and living very far from truth.

It would be easy to believe that it would be right to give up, or give in.

In a manner of speaking, to give up, or give in is the right thing to do. We must give in to our hopelessness and give up to God's mercy and grace to cover or atone for our sins until that day of forgiveness is fully come.

But we MUST fight the good fight of faith.

What is a good fight? A fight that one wins, of course. Who could call a lost fight a good one?

We MUST win the battle of sin in our lives.

I know folks who say, nearly pridefully, that they sin everyday. They say loudly that one must sin. "We can't help it," they say. Whatever we believe about God, we must believe that He is fair. What would be the point in serving our God, or for that matter, any god, that isn't fair?

I would think He (YHVH) would be the epitome of fairness. Isn't that great day to which we all look forward, the day of reckoning, the last and final judgment, isn't that the day of ultimate fairness? That will be the day that all is put right; the last will be first and the first last.

Know this, dear reader, on that day you will be held responsible for the holiness that you COULD perform. You will be surprised, on that day, what was possible; what was within your ability, especially if you are of the mind that we have no choice but to sin everyday.

An ancient Quaker, John Roberts, explaining this concept of a life of holiness to a man who said one could not live a day without sin, asked the doubter, "Can you live ten minutes without sinning?" To which he replied, "Yes, I think so". He then said, "Do that six times in a row and you have lived an hour without sin. Then do that six times and then that only four times more and you have lived a day without sin."

Even with a true heart and a will to please God, one will find quickly that sin is not easily overcome. He will find himself in need of mercy and favor unmerited of a loving God to forgive and cleanse.

Read this story afresh.

"And when he was gone forth into the way, behold a certain ruler came running, and kneeled to him and asked him, saying, Good Master, what good thing shall I do that I may have or inherit eternal life? And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? There is none good, save one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments. He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said Thou knowest the commandments, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou

shalt not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. The young man saith unto him, All these things have I observed and kept from my youth up, what lack I yet? Then when Jesus heard these things, beholding him, loved him and said unto him, Yet lackest thou one thing: If thou wilt be perfect, go thy way, and sell all that thou hast, and distribute to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come take up the cross, and follow me. And he was sad when he heard this saying, and went away grieved and sorrowful for he had great possessions and was very rich. And when Jesus saw that he was very sorrowful, He looked round about, and saith unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven. And again I say unto you, it is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of Heaven! And the disciples were astonished at his words. But Jesus answereth again, and saith unto them, Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God! And they that heard it said, Who then can be saved? And he said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with God."

"What must I do to have eternal life?"

If this question were asked of ANYONE in the church world today they not likely be told what you just read. Ask within yourself, would anyone you know answer this question like the Lord did? How would you answer someone who came to you and asked, "What must I do to have eternal life?" It does not surprise me at all to read that the Lord would tell someone seeking eternal life to keep the commandments. Paul said the commandments were a "schoolmaster" to bring us to Christ.

This is exactly what Christ was trying to accomplish here. To show where a man is lacking, the law has no rival. Jesus proved to him that his *righteousness was in need of perfection by exposing this dependence on mammon*. Unfortunately, it was an operation the young man was not willing to perform.

Note also that Christ did not condemn the man for hypocrisy.

Many who have taught from this passage have deduced that he lied when he said that he had kept the Law. This posture comes from the Scripture in 1 John 1:8, "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."

But for one to claim that they have NO sin is a different matter entirely from saying that they don't consciously sin against God by breaking His Commandments. Christ would have known if this man were lying. As a matter of fact, Jesus was altogether pleased with him and knowing his life and heart better than any, beheld him and "loved him."

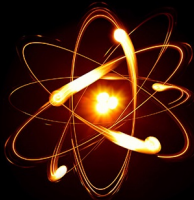
Jesus was not shy when it came to exposing self-righteousness or known sin. Nor had He any reservation with the use of the word hypocrite. Don't you think that one person in the crowd would have dared to throw a stone at the harlot caught in adultery if they thought for a minute that they could get away with it? Yet here, Christ said nothing to condemn this man at all.

I am convinced that this man did *not* sin every day. I think it would have come up during this conversation if he had.

Would you fare as well as the young ruler and tell the Savior that you have kept ALL the commandments since your youth?

To be continued...

Th/INKer's Thoughts...



At first glance I read "Splitting the ATOM" but when I looked closer, it became clear. I was like "has Don become a scientist?". Oh boy what a wonderful discussion you exposed in that video. It became clear to me that "meet for him" means "suitable for him". This reality made me look at my wife AGAIN and, I repented of some things. I thanked God for her in my life and decided that I would be the man I should be for her. God bless you and make you strong. TRI team, I love you.

~ Th/INKer in Lagos, Nigeria

[Watch "Splitting The Adam" on YouTube](#)

Thank you so much for the four "On Forgiveness" cd's. I pray you are blessed as the Holy Spirit leads you to a deeper walk with Jesus, who is our Way, Truth and Life. ... I pray the Lord continues to lead you to His Kingdom, power and glory. I love the "On Forgiveness" teaching. I heard your teachings "On

Prayer" as well.

~ ThINKer in AZ

... I've missed listening to TRI this past month. Your ministry is all that keeps me going. Many people not interested to think Red Ink. More interest in Paul's letters than the Red Words of Yahushua. Kind of lonely out here. Your books and DVDs keep me going and every now and again I experience a little light bulb moment! Much love & blessings in YHWH.

~ ThINKer in SA

Thank you for any and all materials. Thank you for all you do to steer us in the right direction.

~ ThINKer in VA

[Re: July RLEzine] Beautiful teaching, Don. I'm going to share it with a young pastor in my office. I hope you are well.

~ ThINKer in NM

[Re: July RLEzine] Wonderful words. Thank you for your faithfulness.

~ ThINKer in TN

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace." Numbers 6:24-26

~ ThINKer in TX

Thank you for all the hard work you have put into the TRI website, APP, YouTube... etc... As a wife of a hubby that has built web sites, maintained them, developed an APP and works with Windows 10 and computers, I know the hard exhausting work it takes to keep things going. Still gleaming from the Truths from your books and DVDs . I have subscribed to the YouTube channel and am so glad I have that opportunity to catch up with TRI this way. May His Grace fill you each day with all things from His heart.

~ ThINKer in TX

I hope this meets you well? It is a wonderful thing you are doing and I hope your health is better? I pray for open doors for you as the Father wills. Pray for me too to remain strong and strengthened in Him. God bless your team.

~ ThINKer in Nigeria

KAZQ is back online! HALLELUJAH!

~ ThINKer in OH

Wonderful words. Thank you for your faithfulness.

~ ThINKer in TN

So thankful for you Don! Don't know and don't want to know where I would be without TRI. What I believed was not true - and I wanted to know it!

~ ThINkEr in TX

... Liked your new commercial, thumbs-up on Sermon on the Mount, also you mention a book "WORD FIRST" ... is it still available ... thank you. (NOTE: "Word First" book is only available as an eBook on Amazon at this time.)

~ ThINkEr in NM

HEY, DON...

KAZQ THINKER: ...Do you have a transcript of The Words of Jesus show # 19031? Also, do you have a monthly publication?

REPLY FROM DON: I am so happy to hear from an Albuquerque listener to Think Red Ink's "Words of Jesus" program. Unfortunately, we do not have transcripts available for our program at this time. However, the book, "The Words of Jesus" is available through online distributors.

I am sending a complimentary copy of my DVD, "The Parable Paradox" which covers many of the items discussed on the show you requested. Yes, we have a monthly RLEzine, "The Red Letter Edition." We will get you "on the list."

Thank you!

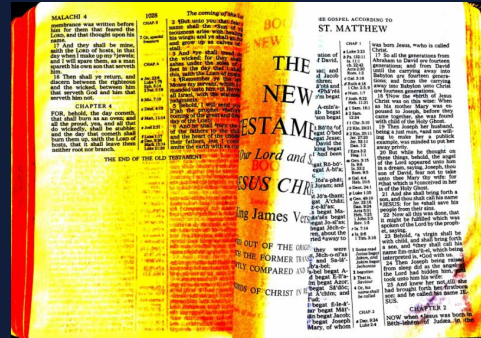
Dear Friends,

Things are always happening on the mountain. One afternoon in late June, I took a break from recording the **"Words of Jesus"** program to discover that TRI Headquarters had experienced a "tornado" which ripped-out the middle section of the Greenhouse. Thankfully, the frame was not damaged. I've included some pictures so you can see the result.

In mid-July, some ThINkEr friends showed up to help with the repairs. The new greenhouse cover was installed, the Firepit Pavilion tarp was secured, the Bunkhouse maintenance/plumbing access panel was installed, in addition, some much needed grounds-keeping. Thanks to those who came and to those who made the repairs possible.

I hope you have been listening to the recent shows on the **Think Red Ink Ministries YouTube Channel**. If not, I'd like to suggest the series titled, **"The Uninspired Page in the Bible". Part One** of this show had to be uploaded after the live broadcast due to a technical problem. **"The Uninspired Page in the Bible" Part Two** can be viewed on YouTube under LIVE shows. Please SUBSCRIBE and SHARE to help spread the red-letter news!

Friendly,
Don C. Harris



Red Letter Edition, "THE UNINSPIRED PAGE IN THE BIBLE"

A shout-out to friends who helped this past month to make the TRI Headquarters beautiful and safe. You are appreciated.



Tornado Signature



View from Inside



Exterior View of Frame



The New Cover



Securing the Wire-lock



New Inside View



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Are you watching YouTube? KAZQ? Got questions? I'd like to hear from you. Thanks, Don.