

Estranged Believers 2

The great Pretenders



Itchy Ears

2Tim. 4:3 *For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;*

- The bible says that people will heap upon themselves teachers that will teach them lies and fables. But it's the people that choose them as their blind guides. They don't want pastors or leaders with a true fathering heart, but rather wicked or no account leaders that will keep truth from them and make them feel better about their jacked up decisions and messed up lives. **1Cor. 4:15** *For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me.*
- When you choose truth, many will turn against you. **Matt. 5:10** *Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.* They will dog you out and mistreat you. They will surround you with negativity and try to make you choose their friendship over truth. They will chew you up and spit you out! They will defend the lie and try to silence the truth. When you embrace a leader that speaks truth, they will dog him out and find wrong in him. They accuse you of being judgmental or judging when you challenge their behavior or the behavior of others with truth. They will do all the things they did back in the day to

Christ and his prophets, apostles, and disciples. Why do saved folks act this way?

- When a person has a messed up life and they don't want to change, but would rather appear that they are ok with their lives, they must find a teacher that will condone it, friends that will accept it, and make them feel better about it. People with itching ears really means that their ears are itching to hear something that will make them feel better about the jacked up decisions they keep making. They want someone to preach a message, or live a lifestyle that caters to their day to day "performance" because they are acting like all is well, but it's really not. **2Tim. 4:4** *And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.*

Issue Oriented

- Most of these types of people hate their reality, so they need a false sense of reality to dwell in. They put on airs and act as if they are better than most, but in actuality, they feel terrible about who they really are and what they have done. But they can't get help because they have to pretend. They are in a theater performing as a character because their true character is worthless in their own minds. **Prov. 21:29** *A wicked man puts on a bold face, but the upright gives thought to his ways.*
- This is why it's so easy for ministries to take advantage of them. Preachers that constantly preach emotional messages lure them in by making their bad choices and dumb decisions the norm. **2Tim. 3:6** *For among them are those who creep into households and capture weak women, burdened with sins and led astray by various passions, Drama loving diva type preachers tickle their ears with messages that give hope without responsibility. They feed on this and grow up believing that they are okay and anyone coming against their "miracle, season, harvest, destiny, purpose, favor" dream is the devil trying to stop them.*
- They hate the truth you carry because it exposes their true issues. They don't want you messing up their performance, so they shun you and the truth you are trying to give them. Their own lives are a mess, yet they don't want you to notice it.



Summary

There are some folks that just don't want to get it! They want to be who they are and never desire to be better. We have to move away from people that desire to affirm their own issues rather than do better and be better. Misery is a serious issue among believers today because we have accepted our own way for so long in the church, that living for God with issues is common place. But God is the remedy and if we choose his way for our lives and walk in the light, we will be able to escape the darkness.

1John 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son, cleanseth us from all sin.

False security

- God only works when a person's desire is for what is right. **Matt. 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.** When they desire to make their wrong right, then they have to choose ministers that will uphold their own worldliness. People have itchy ears because they are unhappy with their own lives.
- These same people want their Bishops to be as famous as possible! They want their singers to have success in the world and the church. They want every actor in hollywood to go to heaven. They want Gospel Artists and preachers to be "struggling" with homosexuality and still do the work of God. They want a kink in everyone's armor and a flaw in everyones walk. They need Whitney Houston to be in heaven. They need Tyler Perry to be straight. They need the world and the church to come together and they desire the sacred and the profane to be identical. **Luke 6:39 And he spake a parable unto them, Can the blind lead the blind? shall they not both fall into the ditch?**
- The reason for this is because, it gives them false hope for their issue oriented, bad decision plagued lives. They know people don't really respect them because of the mess they cause. They know people don't really look to them for guidance, or sound advice. So, they need proof that you can have success without making good decisions. They need proof that you can succeed without following God's plan for your life. They want proof that "no matter what you do, God is gonna work it out for your good".