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Prayer

Heavenly Lord, we thank You for Your grace and mercy, for Your kindness you've showed towards us all. We pray and ask that Father, You speak to us today and soak us in Your Word that we may be the doers of it, in Jesus Christ mighty Name, I pray. Amen

Study

The study might be a short one but please follow it with an open heart. Before we check the text for today, let's look at few things. Do you know that the moment you came to Christ and He accepted you, that moment He became your heavenly Father? Many know this but still behave as if they don't so the devil takes advantage of them greatly!

What does it mean to deny?

According to Merriam Webster dictionary, To deny means to refuse to accept the existence, truth, or validity of something or someone. It means to refuse to admit or acknowledge, and also to refuse to accept or admit (something). I believe that the word is not new to us. A practical example of what it means to deny is when you give birth to a baby and after he has grown into like 10 years of age, you both go out together one day and someone asks the little boy if you are his mum but he tells them no, he has simply denied you and the fact that you gave birth to him. Let's check our text.

Matthew 10:32-33 "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven." Here is Jesus talking in this verse, He knew there are lots of temptations and tribulations that will arise to Christians and He gave this warning. The reason the topic is in

form of a question is to test your faith and love for Him. Many Christians have denied Jesus a long time ago yet they do not know because they denied Him indirectly. Denying Him doesn't only mean you using your mouth to say He isn't your God anymore, you can also deny Him through your actions and deeds. Tonight, we are going to look at the various ways Christians have denied Christ and you will know if you have denied Him. Because it's very very easy to answer the topic question with **"I won't deny Him**" but when the persecution comes, it would actually test who we truly are. Let's quickly look at those various ways now.

The various ways some Christians have denied Christ

1. **Through their attitudes and behavior;** This is a very common occurrence amongst some Christians these days, they have not denied Christ directly but indirectly, they have shown to people that Christ is not their father and head because of their attitudes and behaviors. And even those who have tried having a change of mind to come to Christ have locked up their hearts because they could see vividly how someone who claimed to be Christians acted! There are some christians that you cannot use their things, if you do, they will fight you! If you check through the recently released short movie by the drama arm of this Ministry titled, **DEAD WORKER,** you would see that the sister claimed to be born again (according to herself) but yet hot tempered. When one of her neighbors used her bucket, she fought the person. That is a typical example of someone who thought she was serving God not knowing she wasn't. **If you have not checked the short video out, you can use this link to watch it on YouTube, https://youtu.be/KSH0v0Kzh9g It will help you understand better what is being explained.** Also, There are some whose temper are always high, once you mistakenly step on their toes, they teach you a very deadly lesson you will never forget in your life yet they call themselves Christians. Their attitudes and characters have denied Christ already and people can no longer see the light in them to even come to the light. Therefore, if your attitude cannot lead people to Christ but rather draw them far away from Christ, you are indirectly denying Jesus because you have refused to depict and show forth His character. You have refused to admit and acknowledge that His presence in your life should help you know how you will polish your characters.

2. **Through untruthfulness:** This is also common to some Christians these days, they have denied Christ through their untruthful way of living. Many times, people trusted them because they see them as Christians but they have denied the validity of Christ in them. They do not portray the truthful attitude of Christ and because of their untruthfulness, they cannot open their mouths and preach the gospel outside or to their friends.

3**. Through love for material things: 1 John 2:15 KJV** Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. Some Christians have denied Christ because of their love for material things, they cannot continue to persevere but want to gather up wealth for themselves just like the world. Due to this, they backslide and start looking for ways they can gather up treasures for themselves on Earth. Their love for material things has pushed them to deny the love they have for Christ. It has caused them to neglect the love of The Father and deny Him.

4. **Through their thoughts;** Some claim to follow Christ but their hearts are not right towards Him. They are totally unbelievers in the heart but proclaim they love Christ outwardly, they are mere pretenders. The only moment they were strictly following Christ was when they gave their lives to Christ. After a short while, their heart turned away from God and focused on other things.

5. **Through lack of Evangelism;** Many serious Christians these days fail in this area. They are shy and not ready to evangelise to souls, they don't want people to see them with Bible but they want to serve God. These people have refused to confess Christ before men and thereby denying Jesus because they are always hiding themselves and not wanting people to know they are Christians. **Matthew 28:19 NKJV** Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit Therefore, if you find yourself in any of these positions, try to find your way back and stand for Christ so that He will not deny you on the last day. Denial can come in any form, ensure you are always standing and that your heart is right towards God. I want you to ask yourself, if a gun is put to your head and you are told to deny Jesus or die, which will you choose? Is His love still in your heart? Remember that He that findeth his life shall lose it. **Matthew 10:39 KJV** He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it. This is a call for serious check

in our spiritual lives. Please let's check ourselves if we are still glued to our first love or we have left Him. I pray that God will help us to keep loving Him in Jesus name, Amen

If there is any question, kindly ask but if there is none, do have a wonderful night rest ahead

Question

Sometimes ago, Christian's were been persecuted in the northern Nigeria, a brother was in a car with three other christians and a Muslim Hausa driver when they met a road block. The driver knew that his passengers were Christians so he asked them to keep quiet while he do the talking. At the road block, the people there asked if there is any Christian in the car and the driver said none, but a man in the car shouted that he is a Christian and cannot deny Jesus, so he was killed there, others kept quiet and the car passed. My question is, has the brother who kept quiet denied Jesus?

Answer

So, concerning this sir, some have answered it but let me drop my own view too. We should learn to stand for the truth at any point in time. Also, if it were to be that they were giving Christians a particular sum of money and the driver told the brother to be quiet, wouldn't he have spoken when the question was asked? He would have said something, but he apparently didn't want to die for Jesus. **Matthew 10:39 KJV** He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it. Despite the fact that the driver lied in his presence and he could have corrected it by saying the truth, he didn't. So, I can apparently say he denied Jesus because he was conscious of his life than dying for Christ.

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