

Topic: Wheelbarrow Christians

Bible Text: Ephesians 4:14

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I won't like to take much of our time tonight as I would round up as quickly as possible in as much as we understand what the Holy Spirit want to teach us tonight.

To our bible text

Ephesians 4:14 KJV

That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

ESV:

so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.

To start with, I believe that we all know what a wheelbarrow is, and we know that it is being used to pack things, it can be anything especially here in Nigeria, its here in Nigeria that we can even use wheelbarrow to park trash. But there is something unique

or let me use the word peculiar to a wheelbarrow, it can not move on its own except it is being **pushed.** And another thing is that, you do not need to learn how to push a wheelbarrow before you are able to push it and control it.

But do you know that, many Christians these days, are practicing wheelbarrow Christianity, where they always want to be pushed before they can grow, they always want to be pushed before they join any workforce in their various assemblies, they want to be pushed to live a Holy and righteous life, they want to be pushed before they can leave sin as a whole. These Christian are always falling and rising in their Christian race, because of lack of commitment and endurance.

Looking at our bible text, we are been enjoined not be a Christian which has to be pushed before we can be relevant to the kingdom.

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These kind of of Christians we are talking about here are always at the baby stage of growth, they never leave that babyhood stage, they can be easily misled by different kinds of doctrines that are not in line with the word of God. They are easily deceived, especially by a man of God whom they honour so much. Their salvation at most times are not genuine, they do not take their Christianity seriously. Most of them have been born again for more than ten (10) years, yet they are still taking the milk of the word and are unable to take meat.

They are not ready to learn something new apart from what they have known, if you tell them something new that can make them grow, they will stand against it because they are not ready to grow. Whenever the world around them introduces a new hairstyle, dance steps, songs, slangs etc, they would easily flow along with it because they lack discernment, if you tell them it is wrong, they are the ones who will say you are judging, and you are doing like an assistant Holy Spirit.

Wheelbarrow Christians do not like to read their bibles and do not read it, whenever they are pushed to read it maybe by their pastor or a strong brethren in the Lord. They would sleep off, but they can gist and chat from morning till night without getting tired. They do not like prayers, if you organise prayer programs you have become their enemies, they sorely dislike prayers, they sleep everyday in a week, no midnight prayer, no midnight study of the word, in fact through out a whole week they do not fast for a single day to 12pm. If fasting and prayer programs are organised in their church, they would hardly participate, they are the ones who use to say the Spirit is willing but the flesh is weak. Whereas their spirit is never willing and their flesh is never strong.

I can go on to list their characteristics for you, it is just too many. They are the ones who

would give excuse not to partake in spiritual activities.

You can never tell them to attend weekly service they should listen to you. They do not attend bible study and other programs. But they always want to be known in the church (eye service) they are always filled with pride, they are hypocritical and does not like the truth of the word of God. They are the ones that would always use parts of the scriptures that suit their lustful desires to back their sinful ways up. You dare not correct them, they will take you as an enemy, they would begin to keep malice with you, even start to talk against you behind your back. They are in short experts at tale bearing

My question to somebody here is that **Are you not a wheelbarrow Christian?**

The scriptures says that **henceforth**, which means as from now on, don't be like a child, that would be **pushed here and there** and being carried away by all sort of doctrines that are not of Christ.

False teachers are everywhere, and if you are not strong spiritually, you would fall into their traps, their mouths are as sweet as honey, they do not tell you about the dangers of sin, they would keep on telling you about grace and that heaven is your home in as much as you have confessed Jesus. They will say no need for you to work out your salvation that you are not saved by works but by grace.

Ephesians 4:14 ESV

So that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, **by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.**

You see that? by human cunning, craftiness and deceitful means, all these they do to entrap you, all they want is recognition and wealth, they do not care about the spiritual state of their members what they are after is what they can get from their *preys*.

Please check your life tonight, if you are wheelbarrow Christian who always wait to be pushed before doing the will of God, if you are one, it is very dangerous to remain in that state as it can really affect your eternity, I believe you know that the question to be asked is not if you would spend eternity, it is, where would you spend your eternity?

Wheelbarrow Christians are lukewarm Christians, they are neither cold nor hot, hear what the Lord Jesus said about them in Revelation 3:16 KJV

So then **because thou art lukewarm**, and neither cold nor hot, **I will spue thee out of my mouth.**

That is rejection, he said he would reject wheelbarrow Christians who refuse to grow, if you are a wheelbarrow Christian, Look at what the Lord wants you to do.

Hebrews 6:1

Therefore let us go on and get past the elementary stage in the teachings and doctrine

of Christ (the Messiah), advancing steadily toward the completeness and perfection that belong to spiritual maturity. Let us not again be laying the foundation of repentance and abandonment of dead works (dead formalism) and of the faith [by which you turned] to God,

The Lord wants you to grow into maturity, and not just remain a baby Christian, He wants you to grow to the level whereby you can discern between good and evil, he want you to begin to crack bones and not remain at that milky level. There are still deep truths you have still start handling. If I begin to tell you some levels you have to attain now, some people might not be able to comprehend it because they are still drinking milk.

Do I expect a baby Christian to understand that shaping his hair and barbing styles is a sin?, do I expect a baby Christian to accept that God does not even want her to plait her natural hair not to talk of adding wool to it. These are for adults who are cracking bones. How do I expect a baby Christian to accept that cracking careless jokes, watching football, playing 9ja bet is ungodly. They will keep arguing saying where is it in bible because they lack discernment.

Please, let us grow, the plan of the Lord for you is not to remain stagnant. The more you grow the more you would understand the things of the Spirit better. Wheelbarrow Christians also loves argument, that is part of the major ways to know them, they can argue with you from today to tomorrow, how do you want to convince them that a female should not wear trousers?, they will tell you that bible did not mention trousers as a man's wear, some will even tell you that there are female trousers, hmmm, wheelbarrow Christians, they keep saying that because they do not study their bibles, while if they do, they would have seen it there that trousers are actually made for men even in the old testament. But because they are babies they are dull of hearing to understand what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

How do I explain to a wheelbarrow Christian that if an offender do not ask for forgiveness, you still have to forgive the person, how do I explain to a baby in Christ that you are close to the venue does not mean you are at the venue when you are telling someone where you are on the phone?

"I am by the door," whereas you are still heading towards the door, how do I tell him/her that they have just **lied.** How do I explain to a baby Christian that eating too much is a sin?

The only way out if for them to grow out of that stage, let them begin to chew bones. Because a wheelbarrow Christian can not reign with Christ, it is a wheelbarrow Christian that is cautious of being called a religious person, an SU, a spiritual person. They avoid it like plagues, they do not want to be identified with Christ.

Hmmm

My heart bleeds for these set of Christians because they are still playing with their

eternity. They can not make heaven in that wheelbarrow state, they have to grow, please grow, it is time to be matured spiritually.

I will stop here for tonight

If you know that you are in this spiritual state that I have been talking about since, please take a step to leave that stage now, you have to rededicate your life to Christ or accept him if you have not done that before, because it is very dangerous to remain at that stage. Jesus Christ won't be able to claim you as His own in that filthy state, you have to run to Christ now.

If you are ready to leave that stage please signify, please **say** this prayer with your mouth

Say,

Lord Jesus, I accept you as my personal Lord and Saviour, I believe that you died for me and took away my sins so that I will not face the penalty of them. I make a decision to obey and follow you tonight. Thank you for saving me, in Jesus name I pray Amen.

Congratulations, now you are saved. If you prayed this short prayer please WhatsApp **07067511039**, I want to have a word with you.

God bless you.

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