

## Do you have multiple personalities?

You know, sometimes I get stuck and can't seem to gather my thoughts let alone find inspiration. If I try to "force" an "Inspired Message" out, it just doesn't seem to work. But, when I just let God work, He throws something right in front of me. That's what happened this week.

In recent weeks I've been attending a mid-week bible study and prayer group. The study is looking at the Beatitudes in Matthew 5. There are eight basic statements of those who are blessed and the promise of their rewards. ([Read Matthew 5:1-10 here](#)) In studying them, we learned that Jesus is not naming eight different individuals each having their own personality, they are all personalities within one person. It was a realization that made so many other things in life come into focus.

We all have "multiple personalities"! Who me?

Some days I am full of energy and ready to take on the world. The next day, I can barely deal with an empty toilet paper roll. I can go from grinning to growling in seconds. There are days when I just feel the absence of a loved one so intensely that I feel mournful all day. Some days I sit and encourage others who are struggling. Other days I don't even answer the phone. At times being gracious comes easily, other times not so much. Sometimes my heart is "right", sometimes not. You get the idea. Any of that sound familiar to you?

All those different "personalities" are me. Your "personalities" are you. That's what makes us individuals. They are the things that separate us from everything else on this earth.

The multiple personalities of a Christian are outlined in the Beatitudes from Matthew 5:1-10: The poor in spirit, they that mourn, those who are meek, they which hunger and thirst for righteousness, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake. Each of us has been in one, some, or all those groups at many times in our lives. We can all have moods that can range from charity to callousness.

Of course, we strive to achieve the love that we are directed to have toward our Lord and neighbors, but it's not easy some days.

*The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these. Mark 12:29-31*

(Who is your neighbor? [Read Luke 10:29-37](#) to find out!)

OK, so can you admit you have multiple personalities? You have days that are righteous and others not so much? Welcome to humanity! You are doomed! No! No! No! I'm kidding!

*For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: ...*

*John 3:17-18A*

Jesus cares for you. Even when we are alone and no one sees, God does. Be they good actions or not so good, the Almighty sees. And, Jesus cares! So much so that all your personalities are forgiven. You are purified by the blood of the one who doesn't have multiple personalities!

*Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever. Hebrews 13:8*

Along with our forgiveness, we are also promised in Matthew 5:3-10 that : Ours is the kingdom of heaven, we shall be comforted, we shall inherit the earth, we shall be filled, we shall obtain mercy, we shall see God, we shall be called the children of God, ours is the kingdom of heaven.

Can I get an Amen?

Until next time we, all of my personalities, wish you well!

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