THE SIMPLE SHEPHERD SHINGLE



"It Just Ain't Right" Edition 1 Part 1 of 3

If you EVER have a question about God's Word, please reach out to me at pg@thesimpleshepherd.com If I am not confident in the answer, I have a list of very Godly resources to help you and I find The Truth together. **IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO GET ANSWERS FROM GODLY SOURCES!** Reach out to me...It's Free!

> Have you ever felt like you have no voice, nor choice in a matter? Are you concerned about what's happening to our nation and world we love?

SURE you have! We all have, and will, at some point! You can't be a serious Christ follower and think otherwise? The reason I started The Simple Shepherd Online Mission was for the very reason to call out the mistreatment of God, and His people (all of us). What is so sad about it all, pastors in churches everywhere, have to face the insecurity of whether their ministries will be overtaken by the government. Of course, our government will never do that...(I pray). However, given all the ridiculous and abject "stupidity" we are "fed" everyday due to our "leaderless" government at the national level (regardless of party) is is easy to be discouraged.

On a side note: Please vote. If you don't you have. If you don't, you are part of the problem...apathy. I was recently asked "how" do I vote. My answer is "I Vote In Accordance With God's Holy Word". But, this November, it is a very pivotal election. So Please go out and vote your "convictions". Remember, men and women, just out of high school in many cases, are literally laying down their lives so we can vote. Do It...Please! How will you answer your children and grandchildren when they ask, "why didn't you do something?"

This blog is to remind you and I that we are born with a "voice", not a "phone", or "text message" in our mouths. We are to live by The Book, and put our face in The Book, much more than we are on Facebook, or other forms of social media. Since God gave us our voice, we must use it only for "good"...no matter how tempted we may be to do otherwise. When we apply our faith, and apply it in our homes, community, and country, *things will change*!

This starts with saying "thank you for your service" when you see active military, veterans, law enforcement, firefighters, EMS, and doctors, nurses, and caregivers. They are willing to lay down their lives for you and me!

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PG's RECIPE For when you are "beat-up" by "BIG PHARMACY"

- 1. BE A GOOD WITNESS! No matter how mistreated you feel...little eyes are looking up to you!
- 2. BE UNDERSTANDING! The folks serving you are needing jobs, facing high prices, and facing stress just like you In almost all cases, they are simply following company policy, or poor management they cannot change.
- 3. BE AWARE and always COUNT YOUR PILLS! I didn't in the past, but I can assure you I will from now on. If you are always looking to make sure you aren't being overcharged at the grocery store, why would you not apply the same to the very things that can mean the difference between, life, death, suffering, or disability.
- 4. BE REAL and transfer as much of your medications as possible to a reputable local "mom & pop" pharmacy, or online. The reality is, in most cases you are getting great service from the store you are going to. But if your experience is consistently bad, it's time for a change! Understand that even though they won't miss the amount of business you provide, at least they won't be making any more profits off of your hurt. America was built on the "backs" of small businesses...support your local mom & pop pharmacy first.
- 5. BE NICE and don't complain to anyone at the store pharmacy level. Especially when there is a pharmacist as a "god" complex. To do so is futile. The reality is, even though they may agree with you, they are only following the company policy.
- 6. BE HONEST and make a formal complaint at the corporate management level. The store level can't get things changed in most cases. But in all things, you must be completely honest with yourselves and those you making your complaint with. The first day, make notes of the specifics pertaining to your complaint. Then, no later than the second day, make that complaint...don't wait any longer. Write an expectation of some sort of response. (48 hrs. is precious plenty). After that, give a "google review"...believe it or not, management really pays attention to bad reviews.
- 7. BE KIND! BE KIND! BE KIND! It is sooo hard to be kind in an "unkind" world. But you are not alone in this world, you have the very Holy Spirit of God indwelling you...empowering you...softening you. Don't Ever forget that! There's no reason for being unkind...ever! That may be a "hard" teaching, but it's Jesus' teaching and we must follow Him, no matter what!

In closing, just remember this.... Your BURDEN today can be a BLESSING tomorrow if APPLIED right!

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