

The reason why I could never be a politician

From the great Shakespear Play – Hamlet- comes the great quote “to thine own self be true.

Polonius advise is further summed up with these lines: “this above all to thine own self be true. And it must follow as night the day, thou canst not be false to any man”.

What does it mean to be true to yourself? To me it means that I could not sit idlily by and listen to someone wax on and on about an area to which he/she knows nothing about.

If I was sitting across from a politician who has supported abortion in his previous speeches and I listen to him talk about the importance of life to him, I would be tempted to interject “sir have you changed your opinion about this issue”? In previous speeches I have heard you say you favored abortion for any reason up until birth.”

Or if sitting across the room from a political leader from another country extol the riches of democracy, knowing that this person has silenced any opposition to his way of doing things, in fact actually sending them to prison, or destroying their platform – is corrupt throughout his government, and is continually begging for more U.S. tax dollars,I could not just sit there and say nothing. For me to say nothing would not be “true to myself”.

In order to go “full circle” on this matter, it is imperative that I be “true to myself” That I I must be honest with my own self. I must not “cover up my transactions” or “water down my hypocrisy, but be honest with myself when I find a double standard exists in my thinking.

To set a standard for the acceptance of others, I must see myself for what I am. I must admit my failures. I must admit that I am still learning and will continue to do so while on this earth.

I would also do well to occasionally laugh at myself, not take myself to seriously, learn to freely give of myself to my neighbor and agree with myself and others when I come up short.

Jesus said of Himself, I am the way to the truth. My Word is a light to your path, a lamp to your feet. He is the entrance to the sheepfold, the bright and morning star. He is the Alpha and the Omega of everything. Within Him, all things exist and: stick together.” He is the “first born” of many brethren, the “only begotten Son of the Father” The apple of His Fathers eye and preeminent in all things.

It is OK for you not to agree with me on this matter, it is not OK for you to not allow me my belief. You can believe as you wish, for before your Maker, you stand or fall. That Is between you and Him. However, for me to be true to myself, I must be allowed to believe as I do with or without your approval.

He is not asking that we “duplicate” Him to the world, but rather that we give Him a dwelling place where He can do His thing. He did not come to take sides in the matter, but to “take over” the matter. He will succeed in spite of all of the present resistance. Of that we can be sure.

God Bless you and yours this great Christmas Season.

I remain your servant for Christ’s sake,

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