

*Letter from another source that has had contact with the group [in indy].*

Dear (person and person),

I found almost nothing in Mike's letter that I could really disagree with. In fact in most of Mike's "teachings" (e-mails and personal talks) I rarely found words that didn't agree with the scripture. Mike is an intelligent and persuasive person. He has carefully trained himself over the years how to present himself and his message. What the Lord basically has taught me through having known Mike is how to discern the "spirit of truth". Jesus said you can judge a tree by it's fruit. Only the Lord knows Mike's true heart. However, since the Lord told us to look at fruit: my conclusion is that either Mike is a charlatan or he is very sincere but very deceived. For what its worth I have tended to prefer the latter conclusions based upon what I observed.

Jesus warned his disciples to avoid the yeast of the Pharisees. The fruit I observed was essentially this: people caught in a web of fear and condemnation. I observed a religious group of people who used all the right words to describe their fellowship and purpose together but who were living in constant fear of not quite making the grade. I have come to know enough people who were formerly a part of that group to know that fear of disapproval from the leadership---which is ultimately connected in their thinking to God-- si a dominant factor .I have not seen in them a city set on a hill or the salt of the earth but rather a group of people who (like myself) have a tendency to be drawn toward idealism. Jesus made it very clear to his disciples that they should do what the Pharisees taught but not do what they do.

I honestly think that Mike and the group started out pretty well. I think that at their beginning they had the best of intentions to be the true Body of Christ. What I saw in the period of years that I knew Mike and observed his behavior (along with the behavior of the group) was a gradual change; a deterioration, however. It seems to be getting worse as time goes on---levels of fear and condemnation present in those who attempt to leave or follow God in a way disapproved of by the leadership. I think Mike started out with the best intentions. He (like the Pharisees) taught many good things but were like concealed tombs full of death---their inner life did not match the teaching.

If you're asking my opinion I would say that the Lord is trying to teach you and (person) what He was teaching (person) and myself. LOOK AT THE FRUIT. Don't let the endless barrage of words (most of which are true) fool you. Discern the spirit of truth. One of the things the Pharisees did were load men down with burdens. (person's) letters and conversations with (person) reveal that (person) has been loaded down with burdens---not liberated into the joy of the Holy Spirit---the Bible makes it clear that where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty! The Spirit brings Freedom from the legalistic bondage of the religion of the Pharisees. I have found it quite ironic that one of the things they emphasize the most---which is not being like the Pharisees---is the one thing they end doing most emphatically.

For me I have taken the whole thing a few steps further. I see in this whole thing great reason to take Jesus seriously when He said ---In the last days there will be false prophets who will deceive many---it is in that same context he challenged us to look at the fruit. One step further, Jesus said that the enemy comes with a threefold purpose--to steal, kill and destroy---Jesus came to bring LIFE and that more abundantly. I trust you see my direct implication.

As you know, I took clear steps to not only break away from Mike and the group but also to expose what I believed was serious darkness hanging over them and controlling them. Person and I are committed to helping anyone who wants help in leaving that group. We feel strongly that the Lord allowed us to experience the Indy group so that He could then use us later on to help many of those hurt sheep to escape to green pastures. I have prayed often that the Lord, Who is rich in mercy, will pour out His mercy on them all. (Person) and I long to see them come into the liberty of Christ Jesus and to know the peace and joy of the Holy Spirit.

I do not ask you to agree with my conclusions. You may have further questions about things that I have said in this letter. One thing I will not do is tell you what you must think. You have had enough of that kind of thing already. The Lord has given you the ability to discern things. Trust in Him and His word and you will come into the liberty He has designed for your lives.

Closing

(Person)