

## KOINE Counsel for KIDS

As a tool for the KOINE KID, youth or young adult, the lessons of Jesus, like Jesus Himself, will be found to be very useful: The Bible says that "...*the Love (personified by Jesus Himself) is kind...*" The term "kind" means useful.

First, as a foremost concern for His people, His sheep, Jesus equipped them with insightful teachings; literally, insight into the actual hearts and minds of the wolves among them, openly displaying the wolves' very thoughts before the eyes of His sheep, in order that His sheep might know how to conduct according to His Covenant

Teachings:

Matthew 10:16 *"Notice, I Myself am sending you all forth as sheep in midst of wolves. Therefore, be coming to be thoughtful as the snakes and innocent ones as the doves."*

*-Jesus, the Son of God*

Romans 16:19 *for your particular under-hearing (obedience) spread unto all ones. I am rejoicing, therefore, the thing upon you all; but, I am willing you all on the one hand to be wise ones unto the good thing; but, unto the evil thing, innocent ones.*

*-Paul, a student of Jesus*

Philippians 2:15 *in order that you might become blameless and innocent ones: Blemish-free children of God in midst of a crooked and distorted generation, among whom you all shine for yourselves as luminaries among an order.*

*-Paul, a student of Jesus*

The following quote is by a young man reflecting his experience with bullying in the Church he attended, while hoping to avoid bullying at school.

*"To this day, I have found very few "religious" people who have truly embodied the beliefs they espoused. And, I can honestly say, that many of the worst things that have ever been done to me or to people I cared about, have been done by people who professed to be "religious." Some in the name of religion. How can that be?"*

His shock and dismay occurred when, upon his arrival at the Church service, he encountered two of the very kids that had bullied him at school. One was a deacon's kid, the other an elder's. The teachings of Jesus can be so irrelevant to what religionists advance as their "version" of Christianity. Their version *intentionally omits* the teachings of Jesus: Teachings that disclose "hypocrisy," teachings that remove their "excuse" for sin from religionists that cover their actual motives and causes. John 15: 22 *If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloke for their sin* (KJV). "Unless I came and spoke to them, *then* they were not having a negative-testimony, but now they are not having an excuse concerning their negative-testimony" (KEV).

Notice the "state" of their testimony prior to Jesus' teaching: It was cloaked, and since Jesus has spoken, the "show" is over. The term "cloke" in the KJV refers to a pretext, an alleged, pretended cause. Wow! Jesus confronted then, what John Elder Robison faced as a young man 2000 years later. Rather, we face today that which He faced then. Since then John Robison has wanted to learn what made people "tick." He could not understand the taunting and bullying that he found outside and, surprisingly, inside the Church. Although he could have become disillusioned, he became a successful student of human behavior, while overcoming his pretentious contemporaries.

Jesus' teachings are intentionally suppressed by men "holding down the Truth by injustice." Any Church that does not advance the teachings of Jesus; especially, His teachings about the cruel and inhumane crimes perpetrated by religious bullies against His sheep is a pretentious organization that furthers the cruelty against God's people. It's called persecution.

One example of the teachings of Jesus that we, His sheep, gladly adhere involves the disclosure of hypocrisy: Hypocrisy is not someone professing Christ, yet struggling with sin, or a fault; rather, hypocrisy is the pretentious causes used to degrade, condemn, and diminish His sheep. When Jesus said to us in very common language in Matthew 18:15 *"If your brother should negatively-testify into you, then be departing! Honor-over him between you and him alone! If he should hear from you, then you gained your brother."* 16. *Moreover, if he might not hear, then take along with you yet one or two, in order that every statement might be stood upon a mouth of two or three witnesses.* 17. *Moreover, if he might refuse to hear from them, then speak to the assembly. Moreover, if also he might refuse to hear from the assembly, then let him be to you as also the pagan and the tax collector are to you."*

The only kind of person that would not understand this teaching is the kind that desires to retain their excuse for their negative-testimony: A testimony that functions only to negate sheep and the Shepherd that guards them. The hypocrite who seeks to advance their pretentious cause will not only refuse to notify the brother of his negation against them, but will actually fabricate a negative-testimony, notify as many of their religious goons (a professional gangster whose work is beating up or terrorizing people) as possible, magnify their fabrication, and deploy their forces against the innocent

brother, a sheep of Christ. Unfortunately, the need to conceal these teachings of Jesus, along with so many hirelings nullifying Jesus' teachings, sheep are often left "hungering, that is, thirsting after justice" within the Church itself. Youth need not marvel that these tactics to hurt or diminish others are exactly the ploys that Jesus disclosed to us, His sheep. We have no bullies in our Church, we aren't victims of their devices, we are wise as serpents, and innocent as doves: We are students of Jesus, the smartest man in the universe. He's the Son of Man, the Son of God! Too smart are we, for their tired tactics, ignorant ploys, and pretentious causes.