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Does the walk match the talk? - posted by Gideons (), on: 2005/1/27 14:50

I got this from a friend today and when I first read it seemed almost funny but the more I think about it I see it as tragic because of the disconnect between the Christian walk and talk.

A man was being tailgated by a stressed-out woman on a busy boulevard. Suddenly, the light turned yellow, just in front of him. He did the right thing, stopping at the crosswalk, even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection.

The tailgating woman hit the roof, and the horn, screaming in frustration as she missed her chance to get through the intersection with him. As she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer. The officer ordered her to exit her car with her hands up. He took her to the police station where she was searched, fingerprinted, photographed, and placed in a cell.

After a couple of hours, a policeman approached the cell and opened the door. She was escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer was waiting with her personal effects.

He said, "I'm very sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, flipping the guy off in front of you, and cussing a blue streak at him. I noticed the 'Choose Life' license plate holder, the 'What Would Jesus Do' bumper sticker, the 'Follow Me to Sunday School' bumper sticker and the chrome-plated Christian fish emblem on the trunk.

Naturally, I assumed you had stolen the car."

Re: Does the walk match the talk? - posted by PreachParsly (), on: 2005/1/27 17:37

oh Wow... Yeah i think i have read/heard that somewhere else before. I agree it is funny, but at the same time very sad that many many many christians are like that. Some christians think that are doing God a favor by putting bumper stickers on there cars or wearing a t-shirt, but if you are not living the life you are just giving God a bad name. Makes me think of the commandment "Do not use the Lords name in vain" in essence thats what they are doing: representing the Lord in vain.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2005/1/27 18:53

Quote:

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Thanks for sharing this brother Ed.

1 John 12:5-6 (NKJV) - But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

Re: - posted by Spitfire, on: 2005/1/27 18:57

Quote:

-----but if you are not living the life you are just giving God a bad name.

If you are not living the life, are you even a Christian? I think the word "Christian" has been so misused, it has lost it's meaning, just like the word "love".

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Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2005/1/27 19:04

Quote:

-----If you are not living the life, are you even a Christian?

A phrase that Keith Daniel uses much is "Is the way you are living as a Christian being a grief to God".

Re: Does the walk match the talk? - posted by rocklife (), on: 2005/1/27 19:14

Yeah, I learned early enough in my christian walk that so often the ones with the most bumper stickers often have a pack of cigarettes in their car too, just totally destroying any good testimony. That is disgusting, and you go and talk to those same bumper sticker christians about that and then hear the cussing that comes right out of their mouths. I have seen this a lot in my neighborhood, and was called a "b----" from one who I used to babysit for and went to church with. (smoking destroys testimony because the bible says our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, polluting His temple is disrespectful, we need more love for Him than that)

We need to know God a little more than that before we go around showing off some sort of christianity, bumper stickers don't make you a christian, Loving God wholeheartedly does.

Re: Does the walk match the talk? - posted by Tears_of_joy, on: 2005/1/27 19:18

There is a great sermon on this subject by the son of brother Keith Daniel, Roy Daniel.

Here is the link:

(<http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/visit.php?lid5220>) Ye are the light of the world: Walk the Jesus That we Must Talk! (video)

(<http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/visit.php?lid5717>) Ye are the Light of the World: Walk the Jesus That we Must Talk! (audio)

It was blessing to me to hear this burning for God young brother (I believe we are the same age), I am sure it will be blessing to you as well.