



“CONSCIOUS AND INTENTIONAL MINISTRY: DOING WHO I AM”

Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying: “Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.” Isaiah 6:8

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TEXT: LUKE 7:28-35

TITLE: AM I MISSING AN INTERSECTION WITH SOMEONE?

INTRODUCTION

- A. Sometimes, we spend too much time trying to please people _____
- B. Sometimes, we spend too much time considering what people are saying about us _____
- C. Sometimes, we do not understand that the criticisms of our enemies are actually compliments _____
- D. Therefore, the people we are attempting to run from may be the people God wants us to run to _____
- E. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., *We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.* _____

WHO IS CONFUSED?

- A. A children’s game _____
 1. We played the flute for you, and you did not dance
 2. We sang funeral songs to you, and you did not weep
- B. Do “they” know what “they” want? _____
- C. Example _____
 1. They rejected John, the Baptist
 - a. John did not eat bread
 - b. John did not drink wine
 - c. You say, “He has a demon.”
 2. They rejected Jesus, the Christ
 - a. Jesus came eating
 - b. Jesus came drinking
 - c. You say,
 - i. “Look, a glutton”
 - ii. “Look, a drunkard”
 - iii. “Look, friend of tax collectors and sinners”
- D. Explanation _____
 1. The tax collectors
 - a. Declared the righteousness of God
 - b. And, was baptized by John
 2. The Pharisees and lawyers (experts in religious law)
 - a. Rejected the will of God for themselves
 - b. And, was not baptized by John

WHO IS WISE?

- A. Do not get caught up in a children’s game _____
- B. Wisdom is justified by all her children _____
 1. Those who belong to God possess true wisdom
 2. Am I wise or am I confused?