

# ACCEPTANCE

HOW IMPORTANT IS ACCEPTANCE? AND HOW DESTRUCTIVE IS REJECTION, ON THE SELF ESTEEM OF SINGLES?

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NEW YEARS EVE, DEC 31ST 2010

HAVE YOU EVER OFFERED FRIENDSHIP, AND BEEN REJECTED INSTEAD?

This Evening, I Close Out 2010.

This has been, both a year of Acceptance, and Rejection For Me.

And There Are 2 Days That I Will Not Want To Remember Of This Year. Monday November The 8th, and Wednesday December 15th 2010.

There are Times in all our lives, that our dearest, and closest, can Reject us.

We Learn Early On, The Importance Of At Least Self-Acceptance!

But Are We Accepting Who We Are, Are We Happy With Ourselves?

Have We Made A Peace Pact With GOD **Through JESUS CHRIST?** And Have We Made PEACE WITH OUR SELVES?

Do We Appreciate What **Christ** Is Making Of Us. Are We Impatient With The Transformation Within?

Can We Be Our Own Friend?

Can We Even Accept Those Things In Our Own Lives, That We Are Changing, Day By Day?

Or Do We Feel That We Need To Be More Perfect, To Be Acceptable To Even Ourselves, Not To Mention, Acceptable To GOD, And Acceptable To Those Closest To Us?

**BECAUSE GOD HIMSELF ACCEPTED US IN JESUS CHRIST HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, WE MUST ALSO ACCEPT OURSELVES, AND OTHERS THAT HE ACCEPTED INTO HIS FAMILY & COMPANY!**



Tonight I'm Thinking About The Word "ACCEPTANCE."

What Exactly Is Acceptance, anyway?

It's The Act Of Taking Or Receiving Something Offered!

If You Extend Your Hand, Will Someone Take It????

Will You Find Reception From Another If You Offer Friendship?

Will You Find Favor And Approval, Before Them, and their Face?

Will They Believe In You?

Will They Trust In You?

Will They Accept You Into Their Company? Will They Treat You As Someone Worthy Of Their Acceptance?

If You Should Call Them, Will They Accept Your Call, Gladly?

If You Come By To Pay A Visit, Will You Receive A Warm Reception, And Hospitality from Your Host, or will the door remain closed?

**REJECT:** Discard As Useless Or Worthless. To Fail To Accept The Person Of, As Satisfactory, Perfect. From Latin, reicere = To Throw Back. From re + jacere = Hurl back

**ACCEPTANCE AND BELONGING ARE POWERFUL FORCES IN HUMAN SOCIETY.**

People will do Extraordinary things, Valorous Things, And Great Sacrificial Things For Another; to even be accepted, by them.



This Is More True Of A Man For A Woman. Than a Woman for a Man. Acceptance accounts for a great deal of What A Man Will Do.

How Many Spiritual People Were Once Accepted And Later Rejected In The Bible?

Here The Very **SON OF GOD** Comes To Mind! For **HE** Is The Perfect Example Of Someone Who Was Loved And Favored Among GOD And Mankind! Luke 2:52.

But At the time of **HIS** Greatest Victories, **JESUS** Faced The Most Cruel Rejections.

**JESUS**, The Carpenter's Son, Must Have Been Highly Favored In **HIS** Home Town, Nazareth, As A Young Man.

After HIS 3 difficult Temptations. After He Began **His** Powerful Ministry Of Teaching And Healing The Multitudes,

**JESUS** Makes A Trip To Hometown Nazareth! Surely **His** Homecoming Will Be "Welcome Home, Favorite Son."

But **JESUS** Came Home To A Cold Brick Wall Of Rejecters and Stoners.....

**JESUS**, To His Town's People, Was No Hero To Them. He Was Simply That Strange Carpenter, Who They Took Offense At. (See Matt 4:16-32. Mark 6:1-6).

But **JESUS'** Rejection In Nazareth, Became The Hope Of Capernaum, for about 19 Months of **HIS** Ministry Around The Sea Of Galilee.

Even Today, Nazareth Is Remembered For Their Turning On Their Own Son!

