

“Yes Master!”

By Roberto Bruno

Our dog Teddy is a toy poodle and he is a great pet. In the four years that we have owned him I have learned some spiritual truths by watching him. I know, I know! It sounds ridiculous but hear me out! My family teases me by saying that “I am Teddy’s master.” I have recently come to terms with that because the dog is hopelessly devoted to me. Teddy loves the family but the animal trusts me with every canine fiber in his body. Teddy always wants to be with me, he watches my every move and knows my voice. There is no question in Teddy’s furry little head who his master is.

The question for us today is “who is our master?” We all serve someone or something. Luke 6:46-47 says, “*Why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do the things which I say? Whoever comes to Me, and **hears** My sayings and **does** them, I will show you whom he is like...*” If Jesus is our Master, what are we doing? Yes! I understand that we go to Church, sing in the choir, and we’re nice to people. That is all great but what is our lives producing? Are we producing spiritual fruit like Galatians 5:22-23 says? “*The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.*” When the heat is on and the pressure is getting the best of us, what comes out when we speak? “*...For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.*”

Matthew 12:34.

Our spiritual growth, the condition of our hearts is a direct reflection on how much time we spend with the Lord. Do we want to be with Him? When Jesus speaks do we hear His voice in the midst of all the noise of the world? Are we hopelessly devoted to God or do we have more than one master? If we are frustrated, worldly, or lustful it may be that our loyalty is divided and that makes us double minded. James 1:8 says “that a double minded person is unstable in all ways.” We don’t have time to be tossed around like a cork in the ocean. The person who hears and does what Jesus asks is like, “*...a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock.*” Luke 6:48. There are many masters but there is only one true Master and His name is Jesus.



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