

The Price You Pay as a Useful Vessel (II)

Reflection: John 15:18-19; 1 John 3:13, James 4:4

Some years ago, a young zealous sister in the Lord on Facebook was very upset. The number of people on her Facebook friend list was dwindling. Her *friends* seemed to be leaving. I gave a few words of encouragement to pacify her but knew the situation may not change. I also knew what she was going through was an inevitable trial that she would have to shrug off as a Soldier of Christ. How did I know that? I looked at her Facebook page and found she was doing great things for the Lord.

You can't proclaim the undiluted Word of God and expect everyone to stay with you. Those with itching ears are bound to leave (2 Timothy 4:3). Some who managed to tolerate you at first may also leave at some point. They will hang around a little to see if you will say what they love to hear. If you don't, it's "Good-Bye Friend"!

Some things are better left unsaid, since lessons learnt from experiences often lead to deeper understanding in certain situations, so I didn't say much to my young sister in the Lord; but I'm sure she learnt.

Shalom!

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