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From: John Kozlowski <John@Kozlowski.org>
Sent: Monday, December 30, 2013 7:52 PM
To: 'Chris Bitterman'
Subject: RE: reply

Chris,

Thank you for your reply. I must confess that after waiting for three weeks for a response my respect for you had diminished greatly. I am grateful that recovery on that is at hand.

Consider me the Ethiopian who asks "How can I, unless someone guides me?" You haven't said what I must repent of.

If it is my effort to understand and be obedient to Christ, then no, I will not repent of that. If it is because in my efforts to be obedient I have made mistakes and caused others grief, I do acknowledge my mistakes and the sin behind them, but I will not repent of efforts to be obedient to the Lord. I lament the grief I have caused, but not the motivation.

If it is because in my efforts I took risks that caused my family to suffer, then again, I will not repent of the motivation to be obedient to the Lord, while lamenting the grief I cause my own family. Where my motivations pure? Of course not; it would be foolish to say so.

Do I believe my wife was justified in abandoning her marriage covenant? Absolutely not. I do not believe she has any scriptural justification and grieve that when I bring up scripture on this subject I get comments like my arguments are sophistry, "we have already said" without saying, or the occasional "you are right".

Do I believe my wife and children are more harmed by being separated from me than any trouble they had with me? Yes.

Do I understand why my wife will not communicate with me? No.

Do I know why the treatment I have received is identical to what cults do? No.

Do I see the Lord's grace in all of this? Remarkably so, but I'll leave that for another time.

Given the above, I still set before you: "repent from what?"

Respectfully,

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From: Chris Bitterman [mailto:cbitterman@meadowviewpca.org]

Sent: Monday, December 30, 2013 7:04 PM

To: John Kozlowski

Subject: Re: reply

John,

There is no condemnation here...I have my own record of offenses and cannot condemn.

I truly do not believe that my talking with you would lead to anything but just talking. Hence my reply.

My response was based on the John I have watched for a decade; not on anything you would or would not say if we talked. Your actions speak consistently and there has been no change (repentance).

I do not believe that there is anything I can say that will help you. By that I do not mean that you are beyond help, but that you are not ready for help or would not receive help. If repentance was evident I would not be writing these words; I would do what I could to help. Until then we would both be wasting our time corresponding.

Your name has been in my personal prayer notebook for years, and I have asked God for your deliverance. I will continue to do so.

Chris

On Wed, Dec 11, 2013 at 6:31 PM, John Kozlowski <John@kozlowski.org> wrote:

Chris,

Thank you for your reply. It fails to address "repent from what?" I'm afraid you are treating me as condemned before hearing the case. I thought you would do better than that. May I remind you of Proverbs 18:17 "*The one who states his case first seems right, until the other comes and examines him.*"

I suggest that the closed door I have received is akin to the treatment of an ex-Jehovah's Witness or Mormon. There is no contact or communication. Has the PCA turned into a cult?

I have contended from scripture. My rebuke is silence or slander, even from pastors with doctorates. Do you think this would cause some bitterness in me?

I welcome your communication. I hope you can see that your initial response disappoints me and seeds an anger that I don't want.

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From: Chris Bitterman [mailto:cbitterman@meadowviewpca.org]

Sent: Wednesday, December 11, 2013 6:09 PM

To: John@kozlowski.org

Subject: reply

John,

You asked if I would be willing to communicate with you to help you understand. Until there is repentance explanation will not help you understand; once there is repentance explanation will not be necessary.

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