

Using Christianity As A Means To Justify Abuse

So many people I have spoken with were abused under the guise of Christianity. Parents abuse their children because they think Proverbs 13:24 basically saying, "Spare the rod, spoil the child" means parents have the right to beat their children. They are also often the same parents who claim their children aren't honoring them by refusing to tolerate their abuse. There are also husbands who demand blind obedience from their wives because Ephesians 5:22 says wives should submit to their husbands. There are even those active in their church who abuse other church members. Some sexually abuse children, others ostracize other members for not fitting their ideal of what they should be & more.

There are so many things wrong with such situations!!

Personally I believe that as wrong as abuse is, when it is done using God as a justification or as a way to lure victims in, that somehow makes the abuse even worse. The person in this situation not only has the fallout of the abuse to deal with, but also is going to have a lot of spiritual damage as well. They may believe God doesn't care about them or maybe that He simply doesn't exist at all because what happened to them was so horrific. I felt the same way. My mother went through a phase when I was a teenager of telling me that she knew she was going to Heaven when she died because she was such a good person. I, however, was terrible to her so I was destined for Hell. I thought no God could exist & let me go through what I was going through, but if He did, I clearly wanted no part of Him if that was truly how He was.

Also, it seems to me when people twist Scripture around, if you look at the Bible, somewhere there is at least one nearby verse that clearly proves their interpretation is wrong. Look at Ephesians 5:22 for a second. Yes, it does say that wives should submit to their husbands. It also says in the verse immediately before that a couple should submit to each other. It clearly isn't one sided, but you won't hear an abusive husband mention Ephesians 5:21. The same goes for abusive parents who claim their children aren't honoring them. The Bible also mentions in Ephesians 6:4 & Colossians 3:21 that parents shouldn't provoke their children.

Truly toxic, abusive, narcissistic people will use the Bible or the label of "Christian" to justify their wicked behavior. To combat this, you have to know the Bible at least a bit. Nowhere in there does it justify any form of abuse! If you have any doubts, do your research with a good concordance or the internet. It won't take you long to see how wrong the abuser is.

People also claim they are Christian can be underestimated, so people will feel safe with them or if they're on the fence about something, they will think it's OK because this person said they're a Christian. Most people hear someone say they're a Christian & somehow think those people are impervious to mistakes or bad behavior. Nothing could be further from the truth! EVERYONE makes mistakes for one thing. If we

didn't, we wouldn't need Jesus. And for another thing, no true believer is going to be deliberately abusive towards someone else.

Rather than take someone on their word, observe a person's behavior. Any true Christian's behavior should show that they are doing their best to live a good, Godly life. Sure, they make mistakes, but they quickly try to fix them. If they hurt someone, it isn't done intentionally, they are fast to apologize & change their behavior so it never happens again.

There are plenty of wolves in sheep's clothing out there, looking for innocent victims. Remembering the points in this video can help you to avoid them.