

LIP- SYNCHING

A Lord's Flock General Assembly Topic

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Most Christians know what to say and how to say biblical passages, but only a few are willing to use these in their real-life experiences. They lip-synch because they may appear to know what the Bible says; however, this is purely lip service. To cite, the seven sons of Sceva, pretending they knew Jesus, tried to deliver a possessed man from evil spirits but were overtaken by these demonic spirits (Acts 19:13-16). As Christians, God calls us not to lip-synch but to be authentic- to study the word of God, to witness on his behalf, and to serve wholeheartedly; truly, Jesus, our God, is a perfect example.

1. Manifestations of Lip-synching are:

1.1 Healing. The gift of healing is given freely by God (Mt.10:18). However, there are healing priests and pastors who claim they have power to heal without realizing that God heals through them (Exo. 15:26).

1.2 Worship. Some Christians simply attend the worship events without being genuinely involved. They only lip-synch because their hearts are not focused on Jesus. Even in the celebration of the holy mass, they may even be unyielding to ask forgiveness from God. "If you love me then obey my command" (Jn. 14:15). We should practice genuine sincerity when communing with God.

1.3 Prayer. In praying, we should not babble like the pagans who think they will be heard because of their litany of words (Mt.6:7). We should show reverence, sincerity and humility in prayers because God looks at our heart.

1.4 Lip Service. "These people honor me with their lips but their hearts are far from me" (Mt.15:18). Hence, we must demonstrate sincerity to God through our genuine service.

1.5 Faith. (Mk 11:23-24) We openly say that we truly believe, but it is just lip synch because we doubt. We should not look at the situation

(problem) but focus on Jesus our God who is bigger than any challenge (James 1:6). When we are claiming scriptures, we should do not doubt. If we doubt, then we lip-synch.

1.6 Hearers not Doers of the Word. We should apply God's words in all areas of our lives (Ps. 119). If we listen to His word; then, we must obey to build a solid foundation of obedience (Mt. 7:24).

1.7 False Prophets. Watch out for the false prophets; they come to you in sheep clothing but inwardly, they are ferocious wolves (Mt. 7:15). They only lip-synch the words of God.

1.8. Preachers. Some preachers who appear genuine and convincing do not truly practice what they preach (James 3:1-3).

2. HOW DO WE GET RID of LIP- SYNCHING:

- 2.1 Pray for a desire hunger for His word.
- 2.2. Meditate on the revelation God through His Word.
- 2.3. Study the Word of God.
- 2.4. Memorize scripture.
- 2.5. Claim and possess the Word of God.
- 2.6. Recite the Word day and night
- 2.7. Share the Word of God to others.

**B-basic I-instruction B-before L-Leaving E-earth
(meaning of Bible acronym)**

3.Conclusion: In this trying time, may we all have the courage to be pure in our chosen Word.

Reflection(s):

- 1.Which among the manifestations of lip-synch have you experienced?
- 2.Can you honestly profess that you may be one of those who lip-synch?
- 3.Are you willing to commit a life of authenticity with the Lord?

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