

Daily Devotional, November 10, 2020

'Double Standards', (Romans 2:21-23)

“ You, therefore, who teach another, do you not teach yourself? You who preach that a man should not steal, do you steal? You who say, “Do not commit adultery,” do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? You who make your boast in the law, do you dishonor God through breaking the law?” (Romans 2:21-23, NKJV)

Double standards are very common in the world. They seem to be especially common in politics, but maybe it just seems more common because they are being spotlighted by the candidates and in the media. As of today, we still do not have an official victor in the race for President of the United States. The allegations right now regarding election fraud are working through the courts. If the court challenges fail, some folks on one side will probably still say the election has been stolen. If they succeed, and it is proven that there is sufficient voter fraud to change the outcome of the election, then the other side will say the election has been stolen. This is just one example of how the world rolls.

May it not be so for the Christian, especially for Christian preachers, teachers, and evangelists. How sad it is when the name of Jesus Christ the Savior is dragged through the mud because some leader did one of the very things he preaches against on a regular basis. May we all be on guard for this, for it is the nature of the flesh to sin and cater to our own depraved desires. The Lord has no need of hypocrites who exhort others to holy living, but make little effort to live holy themselves. Christian friend, let us have one standard, God's Word, the Bible. May we who proclaim the gospel be different from the world, and not have double standards.