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Loudly saying it . . . and later meekly being snivelingly sorry!!

There have been a number of news items featuring what are termed 'prominent' people, who have stated something they profess to believe to be true and then when challenged on social media, apologise most profusely, giving the impression that they never really believed what it was they said and are most sorry for ever saying it!

I think of the Ballymena councillor whose comments were thus headlined in a newspaper last year. "Coronavirus is God's judgement for legalising abortion and same-sex marriage, DUP councillor claims." Almost in the next breath he seems to have changed his mind for the matter was very soon given a new headline! "DUP councillor sorry after saying coronavirus pandemic on (sic) 'God's judgment' for legalising abortion."

This silly wee Ballymena man, whose name is not worth mentioning, is not alone! There have been many more instances of this abrupt moral 'about turn' when it is seen that the sentiments expressed have 'annoyed' some who operate under a very different moral code than that set forth in God's Word. They are the vociferous minority who storm on to the media to heap derision upon those whose views they oppose.

Chief amongst such 'turncoats' have been the two main Unionist parties. What they once loudly professed has been hastily abandoned in their efforts to keep in step with a public opinion moulded and moved by the pulpits of apostasy and the pens of liberal, so-called 'philosophers'!

Needless to say, Romanist and republican opinions unapologetically and adamantly remain as they have ever been!!

To such 'wags o the wall', I can only say that such actions paint them as utter fools whose shameful vacillation displays their downright superficiality of mind and heart!

Why say you believe something to be so to all who will listen and then, when such an opinion attracts opposition, apologise for having said you believe it?

Such is a shameful display of lily-livered wimpishness!

To so 'put your foot in your mouth' is surely an indication that there was no thought taken as to what was about to be said before it was said. Of what value is the word of those who do this? There is a most brazen display of cowardice takes place when this happens. Such shilly-shallying denotes a spinelessness that is embarrassing to behold.

The Bible tells us to 'think' before we speak and then, having spoken, stick to our guns! Better it is to be silent than to speak and then to dine on humble pie!

The Bible says: "Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak," James 1:19.

What the wise man said in Ecclesiastes 5:4-5 is of the same spirit. "When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed. Better is it that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay."

There is a great need for steadfastness in this age of opinion-shifting. "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord," 1 Corinthians 15:58.

The great aid to such steadfastness is an awareness of whatever is said or done of the Lord is not 'in vain'! Irrespective of how the world looks upon our opinions and views, if they are born of God's truth, then He will uphold and vindicate those views even if we must wait until that day appointed of God when He "will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead," Acts 17:31.



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Dear Christian, "Take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand," Ephesians 6:13.

The word 'stand' in that verse is one we would use to describe the posture needed today. It means to 'stand fast, do not shift your ground.' It is the bearing and stance of the soldier in the front line facing the enemy.

Let none of us be as "Mr Facing-Both-Ways" in Pilgrim's Progress!

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