

THE CONTRAST BETWEEN THE APOSTATE AND THE BRIDE

TRAITS OF THE APOSTATE

1. She engages in spiritual competition, performance
2. An “outer appearance” is most important
3. She draws attention to self, seeks recognition
4. She adheres to an organization, a system
5. She utilizes guilt or manipulation in an attempt to control others to do her will
6. She promotes and builds her own kingdom
7. She is in fellowship with the multitudes
8. She follows the rules of the institutions
9. She prays publicly to be seen of men
10. She seeks position, rank and importance
11. She pursues the pleasures of the flesh
12. She entertains and appeases the people
13. She is influenced by Jezebel: she tolerates idolatry and spiritual fornication
14. Her messages are man-centered; they excite the senses and “tickle the ears”
15. Her identity is in works, in what she does
16. She fears the response of the people
17. She desires to be served by others
18. She is distracted by the cares of life
19. She indulges herself and wants her own way
20. She lacks “oil” for her lamp

TRAITS OF THE BRIDE

1. She does not seek to impress the others
2. An “inner condition” is most important
3. She hides herself in the shadow of Christ
4. She clings to the Person of Jesus
5. She walks in love and releases others to do the Father’s will
6. She seeks the eternal Kingdom of God
7. She goes alone, outside the camp
8. She follows the Lamb where He leads
9. She prays in secret to her Father
10. She makes herself of no reputation
11. She pursues the presence of Jesus
12. Many people are offended by her
13. She refuses to be seduced by, or to participate in charismatic sorcery
14. Her message of repentance and the cross penetrates the heart
15. Her identity is in Whose she is
16. She fears and reverences the Lord
17. She seeks to serve others
18. Jesus is her Life
19. She denies herself, chooses God’s way
20. She has a full measure of “oil”

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| 21. She holds to the deeds of the Nicolaitans: she sets up “clergy” to rule over “laymen” | 21. She does not “lord over” God’s people; she honors corporate ministry |
| 22. She functions through the strength of human ability, desire and ambition | 22. She depends upon the strength of God and the leadership of the Holy Spirit |
| 23. She has a spirit of elitism, pre-eminence | 23. She has a spirit of humility, lowliness |
| 24. She flirts with the world, attracts worldly people | 24. She is faithful to Jesus, her Husband |
| 25. She reproduces man-made forms and patterns | 25. She reproduces the nature of the Lamb |
| 26. She sells her gifts, prophesies for wages | 26. She gives freely, without charge |
| 27. She seeks popularity and approval from men | 27. She seeks to please her Father |
| 28. She kindles and utilizes a “strange fire” | 28. She is purged by God’s Holy Fire |
| 29. She does her “alms” to be seen by men | 29. She gives in secret |
| 30. Her words are excessive, her tongue is unbridled | 30. Her speech is restrained |
| 31. She dwells upon “performance”, in “doing” | 31. She abides in “rest”, by “being” |
| 32. She bestows titles upon people in her system | 32. Her identity is in Jesus Christ alone |
| 33. She submits to man-made creeds and doctrines | 33. She submits to God’s Word of authority |
| 34. She calls herself by the name of her “group” | 34. Jesus has written upon her a new name |
| 35. She dwells in Babylon | 35. She dwells in Zion |
| 36. She participates in pagan traditions and practices | 36. She follows biblical practices, worship |
| 37. Her path is broad and inclusive | 37. Her path is narrow and lonely |
| 38. She has her own philosophy, view and opinions | 38. She preaches Christ, and Him crucified |
| 39. She attempts to preserve her life, dreams and plans | 39. She has died to self and found His life |
| 40. Her main focus is her own work, hobbies and interests | 40. Her main focus is preparing herself for the Lord’s appearing |

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