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Dear Friends:

WHO ANSWERS

A few weeks ago, Linda and I were working on some radio messages when we found ourselves walking, line by line, through Psalm 15. It is just five verses but each statement seemed loaded. As we zoomed in, we found a point by point spotlight on the things that will disqualify those who ignore the truths while hiding in the church bushes or to those on the outside who openly demean the Word. Either way, you've got a problem.

Verse one features two important WHO? questions regarding the qualifications of Kingdom service. Then, those questions are answered with ten specific statements.

This week, I questioned a few friends regarding these ten specifics and then began to write down some of the thoughts that came back my way. They are sobering and extraordinary truths that will protect us and keep us strong from opposition inside or outside the walls. See if you can read between the lines without a face or two appearing on the HD flat screen of your mind . . .

PSALM 15 (NLT)

- 1 Who may worship in your sanctuary, Lord?
Who may enter your presence on your holy hill?
- 2 Those who lead blameless lives and do what is right
(not stealing influence, equipment, materials, money or misusing credit cards),
speaking the truth from sincere hearts
(not fake pandering, calculating or grand standing).
- 3 Those who refuse to slander others
(prayerfully "sharing" or lap dog reporting about those not in their circle)
or harm their neighbors
(harming reputations, intentional poisoning and allowance of misinformation),
or speak evil of their friends
(if they do not fall into line).
- 4 Those who despise persistent sinners
(not rewarding with fellowship and blessing),
and honor the faithful followers of the LORD
(those who have stood faithful without fanfare or manipulation),
and who keep their promises even when it hurts
(even when squeezed, threatened and isolated).
- 5 Those who lend money without charging interest
(not just money, breaking from the normal, "you owe me" mode of operation,
no strings attached relationships),
and who cannot be bribed to lie about the innocent
(when it seems easy, fun and acceptable).
Such people
(those who will respect and practice these things)
will stand firm forever!

You got that? That is a big time promise! We are in this thing FOREVER!

Don't bow to the temporary, corrupt or the convenient. Furthermore, we cannot let the "out of balance spiritual ones" or those with the "blatantly secular agenda" take us away from the great things that He has prepared for His kids.

In the meantime, don't worry yourself about any of them. Just keep your heart right and stay on course. After all, when He's finally had enough, He'll just crank up His giant thumb and forefinger and give them a big noggin thump as He splits the clouds. Now that will be a real wake up call from "You Know Who".

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