

Randy Blair

From: Suzanne Shell [dsshell@ix.netcom.com]

Sent: Thursday, July 01, 2004 4:04 PM

To: Blair

Subject: Re: Matt. 18

You know, perhaps I am mistaken. I communicated with you based on you claims that you were a Christian, and that you would understand and live by Scriptural principles. Maybe we have doctrinal differences which I misinterpreted. I would like some to discuss clarification on your comments, but it would help me put them in the proper context if I knew what denomination you are? what church are you an ordained minister for? who ordained you and when? and where did you obtain your theological training & how many years of education? thank you.

Blair wrote:

Suzanne,

You demanded that I apologize and "repent" (which in the original Greek, met-an-o-eh-o, means "to think differently" or "reconsider") PUBLICLY, which I did. When you brought a "pair" in, it no longer stayed "private". So, I posted my apology, and all my attempts to appease you privately, to our peers for them to decide if THEY believe I was sincere or not. And whether they believe that your continuing "offense" is justified.

I've done all that I can to try to smooth this over, even giving you a media lead, and inviting you into my home for free should you be in the area and need a place to stay. Like I said, you will do what you are going to do, and there's nothing that I can (or could have) said that will change that. And I'm not apologizing because you threatened me (and the Foundation), but I am apologizing because you are offended and I am sorry for that. I don't know of any other way to put it.

I am an ordained minister (not "self-professed"), with all of the credentials that come with it. My first solution with anyone is to try and seek peace with others. You do not desire this peace, as your statements below clearly indicate. I would remind you of Matt 18:21-35 for starters.

Again, this is for all of our peers to see. In my opinion (for what it's worth) you damage your own credibility by continuing with this. And I don't want to see that, because you are good at what you do, and are highly respected. But, again, this appears to be a hopeless case, and I have to accept that you will not be mollified regardless of what I, or your peers, say or do. I have been rebuked, I have repented, I have apologized, and sought forgiveness. Anything further that you do will be akin to running through a prostrate unarmed P.O.W. who has asked for mercy. Warriors don't do that. Cowards do. You know that, and your peers know that.

Again, I ask, let it go...

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Randy Blair, Chaplain - Foundation for Children's Rights

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P.S. My sincerest apologies to my peers whom I have dragged into this. But, if I'm going to be slanderously listed on someone's website, it benefits us all to see all the details. Judge for yourself these two things. 1. Does the punishment fit the crime? and 2. Do you believe that my penitence is sufficient to "cover" the offense? Thank you for your time.

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