

REFLECTIONS OF THE FATHER'S HEART

[Exhortations From The Father]

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* All those who "abide" [*live, move and have their being*] in a deep revelation of the fact [*Spiritual Reality*] that they are the righteousness of God, in Christ, gain a continually deeper revelation of the fact that ANY form of "self-righteousness" is an enemy to the walk of faith and Love.

"self-righteousness" - confidence in one's "own" righteousness [*goodness {in this case, apart from the "finished work" of Christ}*], especially when smugly moralistic and intolerant of others; pride in one's own virtues;

.... "He [*Jesus*] began saying to His disciples first of all, 'Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. But there is nothing covered up that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known'.... Luke 12:1a-2 NASB

.... "But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, pretenders [*hypocrites*]! For you shut the kingdom of heaven in men's faces; for you neither enter yourselves, nor do you allow those who are about to go in to do so".... Matthew 23:13 The Amplified Translation

.... "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness [*the way of righteousness*]".... Matthew 6:33 NASB

.... "He [*the Father*] made Him [*Jesus*] who knew no sin [*to be*] sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him".... 2 Corinthians 5:21 NASB