

Letter 331
Insecurity Demands Company*
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Dear Dan,

The manager of the department I work in, (P7), has been at (G6) for a little over a decade. He was originally hired by (G14), the outsourced management company that oversaw the department I work in until about two years ago, and that was already in place when I was hired.

I remember something really weird that occurred at the very first staff meeting (P7) had with the second and third shift personnel in about 2004.

The people in my section were already in the meeting room, seated, and were quietly waiting while the Manager was preparing his materials. He may have started talking the way a group leader would talk to individuals in a group setting. But after a minute, he looked around and said;

“WELL? TALK!”

My understanding is that he had previously worked at another facility doing something similar. And I knew by the Lord that he was accustomed to leading a room full of people having a gab-fest while they waited for the meeting to get under way.

But it was really weird that he practically demanded that people talk, just to make some sort of noise.

Fast forward to just about a month ago. Human Resources had scheduled a meeting with my department in order to review total compensation. This time (P7) was a little late, and the HR people had already taken their places, getting ready to present. And, like before, the second and third shift people, including me, were not saying much, if anything, respectfully waiting for the meeting to start. In my case, I didn't feel like talking to anyone on account of I wasn't awake yet, and was really wanting another cup of coffee.

As soon as (P7) walked in, he said a few words, then said the exact same thing he said a decade ago;

“WELL? TALK!”

What was interesting is that one of the HR people came to the defense of the people in the room and said something like;

“WELL, IF THEY DON'T WANT TO TALK,
THEY DON'T HAVE TO”.

Last night the Lord was reviewing these events with us, along with all the thoughts I have been considering regarding why the Pentecostal Podium has a similar problem, that of putting words into the mouths of the congregants.

The only thought I came up with is that at one point in time someone in authority, speaking from the podium of the Church, experienced a sense of **insecurity** and needed some moral support. So they sought it not from the Lord, but by **commanding the audience to repeat a word or words** coming from the mouth of the one speaking. In addition to diverting their insecurity, this would also give the person at the podium a **sense of control** over the audience.

I'm pretty sure that is why (P7) suddenly and without any provocation tried to have the room full of people engage in conversation. He just cannot deal with a group of people that are silent. And I think it unlikely he has had any formal training on how to exercise authority, and if true this would lead him to even more insecurity. It could also be that he was trying to divert attention from him being (a little) late to the meeting.

I'm also pretty sure that is why people like (CB39) (See Letter 308 Volume 5) and just about every other current Pentecostal preacher I have recently heard on internet audio do exactly same thing. And it happens quickly and without warning. What I found alarming is that, at the meeting at (U15), once the congregation came into agreement with the flow of the sermon, there simply wasn't any time for a Berean thought process to guard against such manipulation. Even though I was in full Berean mode, the words that were being spoken were true, so I was agreeing with the words, and ALMOST joined in repeating the word(s) what was being demanded to have spoken (in a sort of PING return mode) within a Nicolaitan spirit.

The other thing I find funny is that I don't recall at all this type of thing happening in my youth at the Pentecostal meetings my mom would take me to. This seems to be a fairly recent phenomenon.

*Subject title compliments of angel Gabriel.

P. S. In 2002 when I was meeting with (CB11) (The Prophet From Wasilla. See Letter 43 Volume 1) at Dennys, at one point he relayed a story where he had been in a Church service that took up the offering right after the Praise and Worship part. He made a point of saying that the people were willing to give more money when they were still in the Spirit of Praise.

Blessings...

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