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Real Disciples by Eric T. Stauffer

Elon Musk has been dabbling with the idea of purchasing the social media outlet Twitter for the last month or so. As part of his "due diligence" Musk revealed this past week that roughly half of President Biden's followers on Twitter were "bots". What this means is that half of his followers on Twitter are not real people, they are phony accounts that are run by computers. Let me be clear from the beginning, there is no indication that Biden is responsible for this in any way, shape or form. Yet he does benefit from it in that his posts gain steam they would not normally gain if it was just the people following him "retweeting" or "liking" his tweets.

Why do I mention this? It truly is not to poke at the President, but to address the idea of fake followers. In the social media world, this exists to some degree on most platforms, it may worse on Twitter than anywhere else, but it happens. Would we want to have 1,000 "fake" accounts following us? Would we want

1,000 “fake” accounts retweeting what we had to say? It might seem like a good idea, but it really hampers the cause when the fake stuff is discovered. It does lend credibility to what we have to say if our support system are fake computer accounts. I truly think this is why Jesus silenced demons when He cast them out because they would not be a help to His cause. What we see in Jesus is the real disciples backing up the teaching of Jesus, we see real people testifying to His power and what he had done for them(John 9:24-33).

So again, where does that put us? What we want to be are real disciples because that is what we claim to be. We want the world to realize that we are not fake followers of Jesus, or “fake accounts” of Jesus. What we want the world to see is that we are real disciples of Jesus. Think about the song in our songbooks “The World’s Bible”. That song is essentially challenging us to be REAL disciples, not a “bot farm” for the Lord. He does not want, or need, that. He wants more of what happened in John 9, when the blind man who had been healed took the Pharisees to task for not believing what had been shown them and told them of Jesus. That is a true testimony and showing the world that will bring more to follow Jesus in the future. May God bless us in our efforts to be true disciples of the Lord and in turn bless us with an eternal rest with Him in heaven!

30 Things in the Bible

I have started and will continue a study on some ideas that are basic Bible knowledge, yet they are concepts the world does not understand are in the Bible. I got this idea from Chuck Bartlett in Kirkwood, Missouri and also received the general topics from him as well. These will be presented once a week through Facebook and I will also post them on YouTube, please use these as ways to introduce the topic and also I hope you are able to use them to help teach the lost about Christ. The general topic is "30 things in the Bible". Please give feedback to let me know if this is useful and may God bless our efforts to bring the gospel to this part of the world.- Eric Stauffer

Week 21 reading plan:

Monday: 2 Sam. 13-14; Acts 28

Tuesday: 2 Sam. 15-17; Psalm 3, 63; Romans 1

Wednesday: 2 Sam. 18-20; Psalm 34; Romans 2

Thursday: 2 Sam. 21-23; Psalm 18; Romans 3

Friday: 2 Sam. 24; 1 Chron. 21; Romans 4

Family Matters

Prayer List: Linda Adams; Roselle Grisham; John Frazier; Donnie Bunch, Howard Whittlesey, Elizabeth Matthews, Harold Whittlesey, Robbin Laffoon

Out of town: The Stauffers will be travelling home tomorrow pray for safe travels for the family. Clint Mullins is also out of town, pray for his safe return.

This Sunday: Norman Fultz will handle the morning lesson and Dan Defoe will present the evening lesson in Eric's absence.

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