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Francis Frangipane taught a lesson on what are you becoming in July of this year. It was a very profound lesson that speaks more to what we are becoming than who we are, or I should say what we are becoming.

- I. I want to focus on two very important aspects of this lesson that deals with the true desires of our hearts, and if those desires are misdirected, how do we get them back on track with Gods desire for our life, and Gods desire for our future.

1. The becoming.

In Luke chapter 6 verse 16, Luke makes a profound statement about a man that we know as Judas Iscariot. Luke identified him as the apostle "who became a traitor."

- a) Based on the fact that we know that Judas betrayed Jesus our savior, there is a key question that we must ask ourselves: What are we becoming?
- b) Judas was an apostle "who became a traitor."
- c) One of the key points that we must take note of is that Judas was used mightily by the Lord to "heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, [and] cast out demons. (Matthew 10:8).
- d) He personally walked with Jesus, and he saw signs, wonders and miracles. Despite all these incredible things taking place in his life, Judas had a serious character flaw, a moral weakness.
 - Judas "was a thief" (John 12:6). He stole from the treasury.
 - Isn't it significant that Jesus allowed a thief to carry the money box?
 - Sometimes we think that Jesus is going to challenge us on every issue, but there are times when His silence about our repeated sin is His rebuke.
 - Judas knew what he was doing was wrong, but since Jesus didn't directly confront him, Judas minimized the severity of his iniquity.
 - Maybe Judas rationalized that if stealing was truly bad, God would not still be using him to do such miracles.

II. Let's look at several things to consider.

1. A little will leaven will leaven the whole lump!
2. A relatively minor sin unattended to can lead to a major sin that destroys our lives.
3. Judas "became a traitor." He started out in ministry loyal to Jesus, but began lying about the finances until his deceitful exterior completely hid a very corrupt and darkened heart.
4. His compromise with sin went from bad to worse and it destroyed him.

2. The Called.

- a) In Luke chapter 1 verse 35, Jesus was Called the son of God.

- b) **35** And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.
- c) You see what we are called to do is one thing, and what we actually do is another.
- d) The greatest call in our lives is not what our parents have called us to, but what God has Called us to by His power.

Isaiah 44:2 KJV

1. Thus saith the LORD that made thee, and formed thee from the **womb**, which will help thee; Fear not, O Jacob, my servant; and thou, Jeshurun, whom I have chosen.

-Jesus was also called who He was by those who sought to crucify Him. "In crucifixion, Christ was becoming who he was called to be".

2. In Mark 6:7 Christ called the twelve and gave them power.

He has also Called those who have given their lives to Him, to walk in the same power as He did on this earth.

Truth point- "Inherent in the call is the power to carry out the business of that call"

3. Jesus called the people and said, "Whoever will come after me let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. "Mark 8:34"

In the call that God has placed on lives, we must be careful to crucify those character flaws and moral weaknesses in our lives, if not we may become like Judas, who knew the power of God, but walked in the iniquity of his flesh.

Inherent in following Christ, is to deny our own will.

Judas mutated from an apostle doing miracles into a double life.

As Christians we must not allow the issues that we face in life cause us to degenerate into something we never planned on becoming.

What steps to take to avoid this degeneration?

- 1. Deal with issues in a 24 hour period, but if there are issues that have persisted in your life, deal with them now by the power of God.
- 2. Stay with the struggle until your heart is no longer embittered, but empowered.
- 3. Today many of us are angry Christians. We must learn to turn our angry and indignation into intercession.

Last but not least there is something more crucial than how the world sees us, and that is how Christ sees us. He is watching what is happening to our hearts. He asks each of us a simple question:

Do you know who you are becoming?

Credit to Francis Frangipane. "The power of one Christlike Life."