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'It is what it is' – What does it mean? Part II

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Last week in my Bishop Speaks column I shared with each of you my readers my intense counseling session with a married couple. It was sad, sorry and pitiful to say the least. The husband said over and over to his wife, "It is what It Is." The bottom line being, he just didn't want to take responsibility for any of his actions as a husband and worst as a man to support his family by getting a job and helping his wife.

I also shared with each of you about the young man in court who is now serving time in prison for Probation Violations. He was found guilty for his serious offense of drug trafficking, yet put on probation because it was his first encounter with the Court System. Being put on probation was a blessing but he made it a curse and now is serving three years. After the judge asked him what he had to say in regards to his probation violations he said with a puzzled look on his face as the entire courtroom sat in silence, "Judge, it is what it is."

What was he meaning when he made that statement? What was the husband's point as he also made this same statement to his wife, who was tired of taking the entire load of paying the bills and raising the family and working two jobs. This wife came to realize that, "I can do bad all by myself." Her husband was assisting her in making it worse by doing nothing with that statement again saying, "It Is what it is."

I'm hearing this statement over and over and over again, "It is what it is." Why is it driving me crazy?

The concerned mother trying to raise her eighteen year old son by herself, go to school to get a higher degree to make more money and work two jobs, sat in my office with her son. I could tell he was angry and there were some deep issues affecting his actions. "Bishop, my son went with me to the mall and while I was shopping to buy his cloths and supplies for school, he took off the rack a pair of tennis shoes and put them in his back pocket. Bishop, my son is a thief and I just don't know when it started and how."

The mother started crying and stated, "He's got to go to court bishop for stealing. My son's a thief." Before I could respond, looking at her son, he responded, "Don't judge me – Why you judging me? I'm no thief, and it is what it is."

Looking at the young man as if I saw a ghost, I quickly took the dictionary from my book shelf. Giving it to him with much attitude, I ordered him to look up the word “THIEF.” "Can you spell it? Can you spell it?” I asked. I didn't give him a chance to answer as I spelled it for him: “T-H-I-E-F!”

Finding it I yelled at him like a crazy man! “READ IT!” “READ IT!” Giving me much attitude back, he started reading, "A person who steals." Closing the dictionary, I ordered him to open up that dictionary again. "Now just in case you don't know what the word ‘STEAL’ means look up that word. Can you spell it? – Can you spell it?” Before he could answer, I spelled it for him! "S-T-E-A-L". Finding the word he started reading once again, "To take property of another without right or permission."

Leaning over, looking at the young “wanna be thug,” my nose almost touching his nose, I asked him, “So are you a THIEF? Did the store give you permission to take those tennis shoes?” His response, "It is what it is." My response, "It is what it is, that you're a thief." – “Whatever," was response back to me.

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Stay tuned to Part III, as I share some major points on this topic, "it is what it is."

But in the mean time turn to the Word of God and think about these scripture texts until my next article – Proverbs 29:17, "Discipline your children and you can always be proud of them. They will never give you reason to be ashamed." Here's another quote from the Word of God – Proverbs 29:1, "If you get more stubborn every time you are corrected, one day you will be crushed and never recover."

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