

In Defense of Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake:

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I Superintendent B.E. Johnson of Portland Oregon have known Bishop Charles Blake for over twenty years. I have found him to be a man of compassion, honesty and integrity.

I was appalled concerning the letter written by Pastor Earl Carter. The vile, evil, and mean-spirited position taken by Pastor Carter is reprehensible and unbecoming of an Elder in the Church of God in Christ.

During my tenure I've seen the good, the bad and the ugly in our denomination. However, I have never witnessed such disrespect for leadership which Pastor Earl Carter has displayed.

The world's system of disrespect for leadership should not be sanctioned in our church. Offensive comments towards our leader should be repudiated with the utmost austerity from every constituent in the Church of God in Christ. This type of evil must be eradicated in a collaborative effort from all voices throughout the church. We must be cohesive concerning this matter and level of disrespect deliberately aimed at our leader Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake which will become a cancer and customary to any leader in our churches.

I know firsthand, Bishop Charles E. Blake has come to the aide of many men and put his title on the line. Bishop Blake assisted many prior to becoming Presiding Bishop, I can call names but I will not.

Galatians 6:7; Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

The Presiding Bishop has not sowed these seeds of discord and is most deserving to reap the generosity he has sowed. The silence from the General Board, Board of Bishops, General Council of Pastors & Elders should be loud and clear in defense of our most humble Shepherd of the Church of God In Christ simply because he is worthy of honor.

I support the Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake as my esteemed leader without hesitation and wholeheartedly believe he is above reproach. Let's pray this type of criticism and recriminations will cease for the betterment of the church.

In closing Paul stated in 1st Corinthians 11:1 "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ", it is abundantly clear Earl Carter strongly feels this doesn't apply to our leader.

Therefore he should relinquish all credentials and affiliations with the Church of God in Christ, and follow those whom he has total confidence in.

For the Love of the Church,

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