Subject: Reflections
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This morning I was thinking about an encounter I had with a person this week who admitted to being prejudiced. It made me reflect upon my own preconceived opinions. The person is extremely liberal and usually asks questions in a manner that tries to instigate a conflict. He brought up Terry Jones(just in case you've been in a cave or asleep, he's the pastor from Florida who was going to burn copies of the Koran last Saturday) and how 'Christians' hated Muslims. I shared with him that Terry Jones didn't represent all of Christianity and that his views didn't always represent Biblical teachings. I used Osama Bin Laden as an example, he doesn't represent all Muslims in the world.(contrary to popular opinion, not all Muslims follow Shariah Law or support the Taliban...)(It goes without saying that we know that Islam is a false religion filled with deceptions from Satan)

I went on to point out that Todd Bentley wasn't a true representative of the Charismatic movement(as it started off, anyway...many today do seem to be about 'kookie fads'.) Sarah Palin and the 'conservative' Republican party aren't a reflection of true Christians, though many think they are. He finally said that he had to admit that he'd been prejudiced against Christianity due to the actions of a few, lumping together everyone as extremist.(we should be extreme and radical in the world's eye, but that's another discussion.)

So I had to confess that I too was prejudiced and that to various degrees, we all are. We have to be careful in what we say when trying to point out truths to others, if there's a glaring inconsistency in our own testimony, then our witness is often times negated.

This doesn't mean that I support Osama Bin Laden, Islam, the Taliban, Shariah Law, Terry Jones, burning the Koran, Todd Bentley, or Sarah Palin, or the Republican party...or the Democratic party...just so I'm not misunderstood, I'm just reflecting on how we all have prejudices.