

Thought for October 2010

Additional Thought in response to ‘On transforming ‘unjust structures’

The following was sent in as an additional comment to the above Thought

It is often all too easy to expect “those at the top” to change things while we carry on as usual, but we have a responsibility, be it at least for ourselves.

The way we behave, what we say and believe has an effect upon others and yet we can only change ourselves. So when we do, then that can also change other people.

For me the financial crisis has meant that I have reviewed my own handling of money and I was shocked to realise how often it had been greed that had dictated where my savings had ended up. I was also shocked to realise that if I were a day trader able to make a pack of money, be it unscrupulous, that I would be severely tempted. And I really don't think I am alone on this and perhaps it is part of the reason why it make us so angry.

Deep down, if we are really honest, we know what we are capable of.

But we are not the only ones, God knows it too and he is even more aware of what havoc human nature can wreak if we are allowed to get away with it. Amazingly he loves us despite this and offers us another path, where we can find acceptance, love and thankfulness.

The structure and guidance for this is what we find at church. Sadly some people feel that the church infringes upon their freedom be it such a simple thing as sleeping as long as they like on a Sunday. Church, however, offers us a structure to find freedom, the only freedom which is worth having, the freedom to be our true and wonderful selves made in the glorious image of our own loving Father.

