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**Cart Before The Horse**

Mark 10:21-24 Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me. (22) And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions. (23) And Jesus looked round about, and saith unto his disciples, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God! (24) And the disciples were astonished at his words. But Jesus answereth again, and saith unto them, Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God! (KJV)

So how did our Lord handle things when He walked this planet and set the perfect example of how to walk in the Spirit and not fall into the realm of sin, which is unbelief? Well, when confronted with a rich man He gave an answer to this man that would eliminate an area that was out of balance in his walk. Do take note of the fact that you don’t see our Lord requesting that he sell his stuff and then make a big contribution to His ministry do you? No, in fact our Lord did just the opposite. So today, when we see so many doing the opposite as well, you know those many that have been called, we see why in the end that only a few are actually chosen.

Luke 9:13-17 But he said unto them, Give ye them to eat. And they said, We have no more but five loaves and two fishes; except we should go and buy meat for all this people. (14) For they were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, Make them sit down by fifties in a company. (15) And they did so, and made them all sit down. (16) Then he took the five loaves and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed them, and brake, and gave to the disciples to set before the multitude. (17) And they did eat, and were all filled: and there was taken up of fragments that remained to them twelve baskets. (KJV)

I was just wondering, which chapter and verse was it that our Lord did a telethon; you know where He spent a bunch of time hitting up the people for provisions and then twisting the scriptures to make them look like God is more concerned with financial matters than spiritual ones? Personally I haven’t found those yet, and from what I have seen clearly spelled out I don’t plan on finding them either. We see the first place our Lord looked to for His supply was that being above, which is why He was able to get results that were above and beyond what anyone could have ever thought or asked for. So please Church, don’t get taken by a bunch of cheap hucksters who call themselves preachers but in the end they are more like a bunch of auctioneers peddling their perversions of the gospel to the highest bidders.

1 Timothy 6:8-11 And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. (9) But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. (10) For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. (11) But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. (KJV)

There is a root that is considered evil in the sight of our Lord, one that we all need to deal with and pull out, one that has some deep roots in many. Many a well intentioned Christian that started out in the Spirit gets taken back under and drowns in the destructions and ruins of this life if they do not get this thing uprooted, and then make sure it doesn’t come back and try to re-grow again.

1 Timothy 6:5 Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself. (KJV)

In closing today it goes without saying that when you see these cheap perverted doctrines that claim the gain of this world is godliness, those are the ones that you should be withdrawing from, and not lending your support to their nonsense. I can think of one program in particular where you get about 700 money pitches and perversions of the gospel per hour which is why their show is aptly named after that number.