*Wednesday, September 22, 2010*

**Cart Before The Horse**

1 Timothy 6:17-19 Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; (18) That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; (19) Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life. (KJV)

When you go out and about in life do you see the beauty that God has surrounded us with, or are you always looking for more, thinking bigger is always better? Have you found that just weight and balance, where you can enjoy things because of the liberty you have in Christ and not because of the price tag attached to it? Where you will find liberty is when you can rightly divide the word of truth, separating soul and spirit; in other words, what is of the world as compared to what is that good and perfect gift from above that our Lord is providing for His people. When you make a purchase in life do you spend more time enjoying what our Lord is providing for your need, or do you spend more time and effort fretting and worrying about how it will be paid for? God gives us richly all things according to His riches and glory so that we can enjoy them, not so that we will have more to worry about, or be weighed down with cares and worries.

James 1:14-17 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. (15) Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. (16) Do not err, my beloved brethren. (17) Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. (KJV)

As we have been talking about all week, many get the cart before the horse and then wonder why they are not moving forward in life. We see the difference in the two realms clearly illustrated above; one is of the flesh which is a result of sin, a realm which can be described as fear, which has torment; the other realm is of the Spirit, where one knows who their source is and where their answer came from, which casts out all fear and doubts which resulted from our lower fallen natures.

Galatians 5:1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. (KJV)

You know, once you have been set free it is vital that you keep a watch over your soul, and make sure that you don’t allow any negative doctrine to get past your Spiritual radar. The enemy will try to disguise himself to get past your defense to see if there is an opening so that he can take back a house that he used to occupy. Remember, the Bible is quite specific that it is much worse to get your house in order only to end up robbed blind by the enemy that should have been kept on the outside and not allowed access back inward.

2 Peter 2:18-22 For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error. (19) While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage. (20) For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. (21) For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. (22) But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire. (KJV)

Yuck; you know, as unappealing as verse 22 is to our carnal nature it aptly describes how unappealing these doctrines of man are to our Lord’s Spiritual nature. You wouldn’t allow any one of those things into your house, a dirty pig or a puking dog, well our Lord is not going to allow those that preach and teach these false doctrines into His eternal kingdom either; you know, when they make it appear that the gain of this world is so important?

Colossians 3:1-2 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. (2) Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. (KJV)

Hey come on now, let’s rise up and get your cart hitched right, and let the Lord get you moving in the right direction.