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**Cart Before The Horse**

Luke 12:32-34 Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. (33) Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth. (34) For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. (KJV)

What or should I ask who is it that you really treasure today? When we see the term ‘sell that ye have’, it is not so much as referring to having some big garage sale, but rather selling out your old thoughts and desires which are limited to this fallen realm, and be open to a new way of life full of a different treasure. A perfect or mature love and understanding of our Lord will cast out all fear, because your relationship with our Lord is based on love and trust, not on doubt or on lust for the things of this lower fallen realm.

Luke 18:22-23 Now when Jesus heard these things, he said unto him, Yet lackest thou one thing: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me. (23) And when he heard this, he was very sorrowful: for he was very rich. (KJV)

We use this example again of the rich man because the fact is that the Lord was not trying to take something away from this person but rather was trying to remove the barrier that was keeping him from a better treasure from above. In order for you to partake of the new you have to let go of the old and its way of thinking. We were all like sheep heading for a slaughter before our conversion in Christ, or like a person drowning in destruction and perdition before our life Savior came our way. However, in order to partake of a new life we need to let go of our old one and its way of thinking.

Colossians 2:1-4 For I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you, and for them at Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh; (2) That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; (3) In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. (4) And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words. (KJV)

Do you wonder why Paul suffered the things that he did, and why the enemy opposed him with the opposition? Well Paul like our Lord was bringing the doctrine of Christ that was pointing the people to a treasure above. You can see there is a vast difference between the riches of full assurance of who you are in Christ by having an understanding of the mystery of the gospel so that you can know all things (not just carnal but now the things that are Spiritual as well), and the temporary carnal riches of this life. Have you grabbed a hold of these Spiritual treasures for yourself; you know, like you would if it was a winning lottery ticket, or have you been talked out of this reward by the enemy’s fallen enticing cheap imitations of what our Lord provided for His people?

Proverbs 2:1-5 My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee; (2) So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding; (3) Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; (4) If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; (5) Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God. (KJV)

The reality of a true prosperous Christian is not by their bank account here on earth, but what they accounted as the true treasures from above. When you become as diligent for the things of the Lord as say you were for the things of this life and its temporal treasures, that is when you will find out the truth in Christ and all the Spiritual blessings that you have been blessed with.

Ephesians 1:3-4 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: (4) According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: (KJV)

Have you begun to see what the Lord has blessed you with from above? Well, that can only take place if you let go of the things below here, all of the cheap phony temporal imitations that can never bring peace but rather only bring heartache and misery. No wonder the enemy has been bombarding God’s people with cares and concerns of this life, because if you actually cast them upon the Lord and left them there then you would be able to see what a real eternal treasure is, and the peace of God that accompanies it.