*Friday, September 24, 2010*

**Cart Before The Horse**

1 Timothy 6:17-18 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; (KJV)

I want to finish up this week reminding the Church that God gives His people all things to enjoy, not only the things from above but freely receiving things that we have need of while we are here in this realm. When you think about making a purchase, say for a car or house, or the rent, do you spend more time and effort trying to figure out how you are going to pay for it, or maybe that effort could be better spent believing the Lord has provided for it?

Luke 12:26-29 If ye then be not able to do that thing which is least, why take ye thought for the rest? (27) Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. (28) If then God so clothe the grass, which is to day in the field, and to morrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little faith? (29) And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind. (KJV)

The Bible says that no man can serve two masters, and those two are narrowed down to God and mammon. If you as a Christian cannot get past the fact of who your source is and that He supplies all of your need, well then there is no reason to take thought for anything else concerning the kingdom of God until you do. If you notice also, the results are not based on works as verse 27 alludes to, but rather the opposite is true, it is getting ourselves out of the way and not so wound up tight with the things of this life.

Proverbs 16:11 A just weight and balance are the LORD's: all the weights of the bag are his work. (KJV)

Now we all have to deal with things in our life, and hear the Lord on how to deal with them properly. The key is knowing the difference between flesh and Spirit, how the Lord is asking us to handle things as opposed to being limited to sight, or being in bondage to our lower senses. The just shall live by faith because we are able to see beyond the veil of the flesh and walk and talk by a new set of senses, that being our Spiritual ones.

James 1:5-7 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. (6) But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. (7) For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. (KJV)

A lot of times when dealing with finances and there appears to be a shortage or there is no way to make ends meet so to speak, the first reaction is to ask for more finances. However, you will find in your walk with the Lord that the correct response is to seek the Lord’s wisdom in how to handle the situation, which will eliminate the shortage; you know, like we saw illustrated with a few fishes and loaves amongst thousands? After all, why would the Lord give us more if we can’t handle what He has provided already?

John 8:31-32 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; (32) And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. (KJV)

The more time you spend seeking the Lord and making Him your priority, the more you will be able to see the liberty that we have in Christ, free from the cares of this life. With what measure you give in His direction, you know like drawing near to God then He draws near to us, is what measure you will receive in return from Him. So Church in conclusion this week, let God be true; know that it is His good pleasure to give you His kingdom and set you free from doubt and fear so that you can enjoy all things richly that He has provided, and not what mankind tries to put a price tag on. God bless and stay free; and get that horse back in front of the cart where he belongs.