*Friday, January 10, 2014*

**Consider Your Ways**

Luke 16:13-15 No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. 14 And the Pharisees also, who were covetous, heard all these things: and they derided him. 15 And he said unto them, you are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knows your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God. (KJV)

We are living in a fallen world where what man claims to be a priority in life is actually an abomination in our Lord’s sight. Remember what our Lord said about the last being first and the first last? The things of God which you had last on your priority list have now moved into first place, while the things of this life go to the bottom of it. Sad to say much of this carnal prosperity doctrine has gotten into the Church and has man chasing his tail instead of seeking the things above. I pray that you take the time to read Matt 6 as well as Luke 12 and see what our Lord has to say concerning your health and welfare, how He already has it covered despite how much you think He needs your help. The reality is that no man can serve two masters because it is one too many in our Lord’s sight. Do you have your master narrowed down to one?

Matthew 6:31-32 Therefore take no thought, saying, what shall we eat? Or, what shall we drink? Or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? 32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek :) for your heavenly Father knows that ye have need of all these things. (KJV)

Let’s consider our ways and make sure that it is the way our Lord intended for us to live. Everything we see listed above totally contradicts what we have been brought up with concerning our lives here on planet earth. Everything you keep thinking about is something our Lord already knew and took care of before the foundation of the world. So do you think He still needs your input?

Matthew 6:33-34 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. 34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof. (KJV)

You want to know why God took care of all your carnal needs; because He wanted you to concentrate solely on His kingdom so that you could be complete body, soul, and most importantly, spirit. In fact every time we try to handle things on our own by taking thought, are we not in reality calling God a liar? Taking thought beyond today puts one in a realm that should be unimaginable.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: 4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) 5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; (KJV)

By taking thought beyond today we put ourselves in the realm of imaginations, a realm not based on truth. By seeking first the kingdom of God you will be armed and ready to cast all that junk back down to the pits of hell where it originated in the first place. We have been bombarded with money pitches and schemes that claim to be the end all for all of our problems, but the fact remains that whatsoever is not of faith is sin. So stay out of that realm of the imaginations and make sure your reality check doesn’t bounce.

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)

The root cause of all of mans’ destructions has been traced to one source, a love for anything other than our Lord which man thinks can be provided by money. Consider your ways today and flee from anything that is not based on sound doctrine and cast it down where it belongs. Trust in the Lord with all your heart and don’t lean back to your own understanding. Our own ways and thoughts are plan B, which many have settled for, and will leave you holding an empty bag full of holes. God bless Church and take no thought today for your life and see what will manifest instead. Have a prosperous day in Christ Jesus our Lord dearly loved.