*Tuesday, November 6, 2012*

**Daily Bread for Life**

2 Timothy 2:3-5 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. 4 No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier. 5 And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully. KJV

That word entangleth refers to get involved with or entwined; in other words all wrapped up in the pettiness of this temporal carnal realm of man.

Romans 12:17-21 Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. 18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. 19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. 20 Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. 21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good. KJV

As a good soldier or as referenced in the Bible we are like a prize fighter who has to learn to take a punch but not get knocked out. Not everything in this carnal realm is fair so to speak; however, we need to learn to overcome even though things outwardly are not right.

 2 Peter 2:19-20 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. KJV

The enemy would like nothing better than to see God’s people who have been set free by the truth get all wrapped up and entangled in the affairs of this life again; and instead of being over comers they are overcome with the cares of this life.

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

Strong’s definition for entangled:

NT:1758 enecho (en-ekh'-o); from NT:1722 and NT:2192; to hold in or upon, i.e. ensnare; by implication, to keep a grudge: KJV - entangle with, have a quarrel against, urge.

Holding grudges will keep you snared on a short leash rather than moving forward in your walk in the Spirit. Dearly loved, stay free today and let the sword of the Spirit cut you loose from the enemies net.

Have a very blessed and prosperous day in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.