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**Doctrine**

Romans 15:5-6 Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus: 6 That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. (KJV)

Double talkers say one thing, but do another. Sometimes they seem to talk out of both sides of their mouth, saying things to appease man. Given the fact that by our words we will either be justified or condemned, why not let the Lord do the speaking for you?

Matthew 12:35-37 A good man out of the good treasure of the heart brings forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things. 36 But I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the Day of Judgment. 37 For by thy words thou shall be justified, and by thy words thou shall be condemned. (KJV)

Idle refers to useless; you know, like when you take your car out of gear it can no longer move forward. Man’s doctrines are an idle waste of time because they cater more to the old nature, not the new one we need to be operating in. For those that spread these doctrines it is like an arsonist who only used one little match in a windstorm of false teachings to kick up a wildfire. Without any living waters to douse these flames it will have eternal consequences.

Matthew 16:6-9 Then Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees. 7 And they reasoned among themselves, saying, It is because we have taken no bread. 8 Which when Jesus perceived, he said unto them, O ye of little faith, why reason ye among yourselves, because ye have brought no bread? 9 Do ye not yet understand, neither remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets ye took up? (KJV)

Now how do you go from baskets of bread to doctrine? Well the disciples were having a hard time determining what the Lord was referring to because of their carnal limitations. The Lord was warning them about doctrine, and how quickly it can spread amongst the people. He used the example of a few fishes and loaves to point this out.

Matthew 16:10-12 Neither the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many baskets ye took up? 11 How is it that ye do not understand that I spoke it not to you concerning bread that ye should beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees? 12 Then understood they how that he bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees. (KJV)

Within a short period of time a few fishes and loaves spread to all the people with leftovers. Now think how quickly man’s doctrines have been spread out all over this earth, which explains why we have so many denominations. You don’t want to be responsible for allowing these false teachings to spread, let alone the one that is passing them on to others, which is what this parable is explaining.

2 Peter 2:1-3 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privately shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. 2 And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. 3 And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingers not, and their damnation slumbers not. (KJV)

The way of truth is evil spoken of by many who have added their perversions of the gospel into the mix. The root of all evil is a love more for money than the Lord, and Lord knows how many of these false teachings have got into the bread and spoiled it rotten.

Dearly loved, beware of false teachings which corrupt the simplicity of the gospel of Christ and hold forth the Word of life in all truth and sincerity walking honestly in the sight of God and man. God bless and have a prosperous day in Christ Jesus our Lord.