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**Don’t Settle For Less**

1 Corinthians 12:7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. (KJV)

The definition for the word manifestation means to render apparent, to make known. The whole reason that our Lord died was so that He could resurrect and then send His Spirit back our way, so that we could see all the Spiritual blessings that we now have access to. Everything that we see here in Chapter 12 is available to all of God’s people; now it is just a matter of learning how to walk again, this time in the Spirit.

Colossians 1:9-10 For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; (10) That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; (KJV)

So please Church, if there are those that come along and try to tell you that you don’t have access to all of the gift of the Spirit, please O please don’t let that deter you. If others choose to call God a liar and settle for something less, continue on the path of life and don’t look back. When you increase in the knowledge of God you are able to see things from His perspective; which when I read, that means that I am now in a realm where nothing is impossible to those that believe.

1 Corinthians 2:12-16 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. (13) Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. (14) But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. (15) But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. (16) For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ. (KJV)

With the mind of Christ you are now able to receive the things of the Spirit, and then watch them manifest in your life. Those that are in the flesh cannot please God because they will not step out into the place that He would have them to operate in. So how would you really describe your walk today, would it really be one of faith, or sight?

Ephesians 4:22-25 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; (23) And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; (24) And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. (25) Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another. (KJV)

We are members one of another, which is all a part of one body in Christ. By the daily renewal of your mind in the Word you will see the things of God manifest in your life, which is a part of that new man that Paul is referring to. For those that settle for a lie their life gets old fast.

Malachi 3:8-11 Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. (9) Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. (10) Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. (11) And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts. (KJV)

I know I know…you have heard these verses quoted before by those that try to pack your bags on a guilt trip, making you think that you don’t give enough to their organizations. As we see again, when God opens His window and then pours out a blessing on His people, it is so full and complete that there is not enough room for you to contain it. What happens really when you get a hold of the truth is that you can’t hold it in, but it just gushes out of you like living waters. How about presenting yourself to God as a living sacrifice; dead to the things of the world, but alive to the things of the Spirit? Don’t settle for less.