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**Enlightened**

Mark 11:15-17 And they come to Jerusalem: and Jesus went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves; 16 And would not suffer that any man should carry any vessel through the temple. 17 And he taught, saying unto them, is it not written, my house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? But ye have made it a den of thieves. (KJV)

We have been talking about spiritual adultery, what it entails and how our Lord sees things from where he is seated. When our Lord went into the temple and saw the abomination taking place he didn’t lend His support to their hypocrisy. I bring this up because it seems like as soon as the Lord left, many have decided to set up the tables again and are thinking they can make merchandise of the Church.

Luke 21:1-4 And he looked up, and saw the rich men casting their gifts into the treasury. 2 And he saw also a certain poor widow casting in thither two mites. 3 And he said, of a truth I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast in more than they all: 4 For all these have of their abundance cast in unto the offerings of God: but she of her penury hath cast in all the living that she had. (KJV)

As we see above our Lord did acknowledge an offering, however, we see how differently he viewed it. I say this because I recently turned on the TV only to be inundated with another of mans’ so called ministries and one of their ungodly telethons taking place. Oddly enough, not only were they peddling their goods to the highest bidders, but they kept offering more perks to those that gave the most, which totally contradicts how the Lord views it.

James 2:1-4 My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons. 2 For if there come unto your assembly a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel, and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment; 3 And ye have respect to him that wears the gay clothing, and say unto him, Sit thou here in a good place; and say to the poor, Stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool: 4 Are ye not then partial in yourselves, and are become judges of evil thoughts? (KJV)

Talk about spiritual adultery; since when does the Church give more honor to the rich than the poor? Apparently once you have a worldwide audience and a so called ministry, anything goes right? What amazes me is that this slips right past the radars of many who should know better. Oh and for those who support this nonsense, shame on you for not taking a stand, and thinking just because they are big they are legitimate as far as the Lord is concerned.

Acts 8:18-20 And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money, 19 Saying, Give me also this power that on whomsoever I lay hands; he may receive the Holy Ghost. 20 But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money. (KJV)

I have another question; during all their money pitches they kept referring to the gifts of the people as being large and small; I am wondering, what is the cutoff point where one goes from a small gift to a large one? Is it only based on the outward amounts and not the inward one where our Lord is looking? As we see illustrated above the gift of God couldn’t be purchased before, what makes anyone think it can be today?

God bless dearly loved and have a prosperous day in Christ Jesus our Lord.