*Friday, April 12, 2013*

**Faith**

Proverbs 28:19-21 He that tilled his land shall have plenty of bread: but he that followeth after vain persons shall have poverty enough. 20 A faithful man shall abound with blessings: but he that makes haste to be rich shall not be innocent. 21 To have respect of persons is not good: for for a piece of bread that man will transgress. (KJV)

This week we have talked about faith, your ability to hear the Lord for yourself, and then stepping out in faith and seeing His results. The flip side of faith is unbelief, where one becomes fickle and easily swayed with things of this life. That’s where taking up your own spiritual cross and dying to self will go a long way toward experiencing an abundant life in Christ.

Mark 4:16-19 And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness; 17 And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended. 18 And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word, 19 And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful. (KJV)

Fickleness and double mindedness is on our end and not the Lord’s. You can take faith and salvation as far as you can, or you can allow it to suffer a premature death by looking for results in the outward realm. A life in the past spent trying to appease the outward man should be traded in for a new life in Christ where you no longer allow the outward to dictate anymore.

Mark 4:20-22 And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred. 21 And he said unto them, Is a candle brought to be put under a bushel, or under a bed? and not to be set on a candlestick? 22 For there is nothing hid, which shall not be manifested; neither was any thing kept secret, but that it should come abroad. (KJV)

This week we have talked about the abundant life that we have access to in Christ, and as you can see we can take this as far as we desire, or we can shut our spiritual ears and become blinded by the veil of the flesh. Take note of verse 22, there is nothing hid anymore. The Lord would like to show you personally all that He has made available to you.

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