*Tuesday, September 7, 2010*

**Imagine That**

Matthew 18:1-4 At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? (2) And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, (3) And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. (4) Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. (KJV)

Humility, what is it really, and how does one go about humbling themselves? As we see, when approaching our Lord it is up to us to humble ourselves before the Lord, so that we can do those things that are pleasing in His sight.

1 Peter 5:5-7 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. (6) Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: (7) Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. (KJV)

True humility in the sight of our Lord, the most effective way that we can humble ourselves, simply put, is by casting all our care upon Him; and please take note of the word ‘all’ not just some or once in a while, but all does mean all to our Lord. Now I know that we have all cast things in the Lord’s direction a time or two thousand, but how many times have we really cast it His way and then left it alone? Oh yeah, guilty, my hand would go up first.

Proverbs 29:23 A man's pride shall bring him low: but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit. (KJV)

There’s a word that is the enemy of Christians, yeah that pride stuff that shows up just before the fall. Pride has taken many a well intentioned people down the drain, and flushed their testimony along with it. Do you ever wonder what happened to the many that were called and yet in the end only a few are really chosen? Well many follow other people’s scripts and interpretations of how they think that they should be serving our Lord, rather than establishing for themselves who they are in Christ and the place that our Lord would have them to operate in His body of believers.

Luke 14:8-11 When thou art bidden of any man to a wedding, sit not down in the highest room; lest a more honourable man than thou be bidden of him; (9) And he that bade thee and him come and say to thee, Give this man place; and thou begin with shame to take the lowest room. (10) But when thou art bidden, go and sit down in the lowest room; that when he that bade thee cometh, he may say unto thee, Friend, go up higher: then shalt thou have worship in the presence of them that sit at meat with thee. (11) For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted. (KJV)

In this fallen realm that we are surrounded with, and the fallen influences of it, we have been taught to look out for number one, which is described as self. In our Lord’s realm the opposite is true, because the truth be known, when we are just looking out for number one, well, our walk resembles something more like number two. Imagine that.