*Wednesday, September 8, 2010*

**Imagine That**

Luke 14:28-30 For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? (29) Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him, (30) Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish. (KJV)

Wasn’t this your life before your conversion? I know for me my life used to be based on emotions and happiness, which was based on happenings according to the flesh. Once the emotions or the excitement left, so did my commitment. Simply put, many people begin their walk with the Lord in the Spirit but somewhere along the way they get sidetracked, and what started out as an enthusiasm for Spiritual things gets drowned out by the carnal desires instead. Christianity is not based on how many begin the race, but rather who finishes the course, they are the only ones that will be crowned with an eternal crown of life.

Acts 20:22-24 And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there: (23) Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me. (24) But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God. (KJV)

You know, when the Lord did a head count back in the time of Paul, well, he found a man that knew what really counted concerning salvation. Would you be able to make this same statement that Paul made, and really mean it as well? Have you gotten to the point where your own life and desires no longer mean anything to you, but rather your only concern is to finish the course that the Lord has laid out for you and your calling in His ministry? We see that our Lord found His go to guy, one who really cast all his care upon our Lord, and then actually left it with Him, not taking it back and trying to analyze it or tell the Lord how He should handle things.

Philippians 3:8-9 Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, (9) And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: (KJV)

Have you gotten to the point yet where you realize that all your own carnal desires and concerns no longer count anymore, but rather you have turned your life over to someone who really counts? You see the mindset it takes to be used of God, and why this man was used to write a good portion of the epistles.

Luke 12:22-23 And he said unto his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on. (23) The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment. (KJV)

You know the Lord said that He knew, not guessed or hoped He knew, but He knew even before the foundation of the world what we would have need of, and how it would be supplied. When the Lord has you make a purchase in your life do you spend more time trying to figure out how you are going to pay for it, or do you spend more time and effort believing Him for it? What would your life be like today, right now, if you took no thought for this life but only thought on the things from above? Imagine that.