*Tuesday, March 4, 2014*

**Keep It Up**

Revelation 2:25-27 But that which ye have already hold fast till I come. 26 And he that overcomes, and keeps my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: 27 And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father. (KJV)

So how would you categorize your walk with the Lord today, are you an over comer or is the reality more of an underachiever? Have you held fast to your commitment to the Lord like you did in the beginning of your walk? Have kept your relationship with Him first and foremost in your life? The most important part of your walk is not the beginning, but the end, how you finish is what will determine your eternity. Today, why not make sure that you end up the victor?

Titus 1:7-9 For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not self willed, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre; 8 But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate; 9 Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers. (KJV)

Many today show up on Sunday excited and giddy when they have an audience, but by Monday they look like something the cat dragged in. It’s not what happens when the congregation is around, but what takes place at home that will determine whether you will be used by our Lord or not. When salvation truly becomes a way of life for you, you will know that you are an over comer because you do all things heartily unto the Lord and are no longer concerned with what people think.

Hebrews 10:23-24 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) 24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: (KJV)

Remember what our Lord said was the greatest love we could have for Him, laying down our lives for others. When you are around other Christians are you really an inspiration or more of a spiritual buzz kill by your whining and fussing?

Hebrews 3:6-8 But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end. 7 Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost says, today if ye will hear his voice, 8 Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness: (KJV)

Our old nature fusses and whines when it doesn’t get its way and like children we throw a hissy fit to get attention. For those that have grown and matured in Christ, they realize the sacrifice it took to get us into the kingdom, that which keeps the heart tender and pliable like clay.

2 Timothy 1:12-14 For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day. 13 Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. 14 That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwells in us. (KJV)

You are going to run into some opposition along the way, but just like endurance runners you’re going to have to keep going. It’s nice to have sunny calm weather to run in, however, in order to keep fit and ready for the Master’s use you will have to endure some inclement conditions to finish the course.

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