*Tuesday, June 18, 2013*

**Motives**

1 Corinthians 13:1-3 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. 2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. 3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. (KJV)

It’s time for a spiritual reality check; ask yourself honestly, what really motivates me, and what is the true reason I do the things that I do? Is it based on a pure love for the Lord? If not, then as you can see clearly illustrated throughout chapter 13, your reality check will bounce. The Bible is very specific to point out that many are called to serve the Lord, but in the end, few are chosen. Obviously many are not serving Him with the right motive of the heart, and some other reason has taken root instead.

Mark 9:33-35 And he came to Capernaum: and being in the house he asked them, what was it that ye disputed among yourselves by the way? 34 But they held their peace: for by the way they had disputed among themselves, who should be the greatest. 35 And he sat down, and called the twelve, and saith unto them, if any man desires to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all. (KJV)

The things of God totally contradict the things of man, and what they think is number one. Actually, when you serve the Lord with the right motive, you are more concerned with the needs of others than yourself. Does that sound familiar, or is it something foreign to you? Maybe this is the reason why your walk has been a bit stale, or at a standstill lately?

Mark 10:28-31 Then Peter began to say unto him, lo, we have left all, and have followed thee. 29 And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, 30 But he shall receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life. 31 But many that are first shall be last; and the last first. (KJV)

Again, we see what has happened with the many that have been called by the Lord; they just don’t last, well at least not in His kingdom. The Lord will ask His people to take up their own cross and die to some things or even people that may have been near and dear to them so that they can receive and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit, hundredfold to full maturity. I know many false prophets have been claiming that hundredfold means you get a wad of cash, but the reality is that they are telling you their true motive and what they really love. Paul describes this in the book of Timothy as a love of money, which is the root cause of all evil intentions. And that Church just won’t last, or fly under the Lord’s radar.

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