*Wednesday, June 19, 2013*

**Motives**

Luke 16:13-15 No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. 14 And the Pharisees also, who were covetous, heard all these things: and they derided him. 15 And he said unto them, ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God. (KJV)

We have talked this week about motives and our true intents; what do we really esteem the highest in our walk, a true love for the Lord and what He has done for us, or are we still clinging to some other love, one we think we can stash and hide in some deep dark closet of the heart? In our Lord’s time, when He went into the temple He saw an abomination taking place and turned it upside down when he overturned the tables of the moneychangers. Today for some unknown reason mankind thinks they can set those tables back up again and not get the same response from the Lord who clearly says that He is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

1 Timothy 6:6-8 But godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. 8 And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. (KJV)

Do you realize the love of God is shed in the heart, and not the wallet? Have you learned to be content; are you in a place where you realize all that the Lord has done so that you can have access to eternal life, instead of strife? Are you content with the fact that not only do you know God, but that you are known of Him as well?

1 Timothy 6:9-11But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. 10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. 11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. (KJV)

In a marriage, when someone tries to take a lover on the side it never has a happy ending. The same premise holds true in the Lord’s realm when the so called church tries to mix and match a love for the Lord with a love of money. It’s not the money itself that is the issue because it’s something we all have to deal with. Instead of flocking to these organizations that put more emphasis on money than the Lord you should be heading for the exits. The reality is when you allow your love for the Lord to be compromised with anything in this carnal realm, a spiritual plague that is taking down many today and drowning them in destruction, and perdition, it will take you down as well.

Proverbs 28:20-22 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 a piece of bread that man will transgress. 22 He that hasteth to be rich hath an evil eye, and considereth not that poverty shall come upon him. (KJV)

Many of God’s people have sold out, and instead of preaching sound doctrine, they are tickling the ears of others with their promise of liberty, when the reality is they are servants of corruption themselves.

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