*Friday, June 21, 2013*

**Motives**

1 Samuel 16:7 But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart. (KJV)

Don’t ever think less of yourself according to the outward because that is not how God sees you. God is looking within to see if you desire to stay within His kingdom and that your love and commitment to Him is not based on whether you have a big following or congregation; He is looking at the inward thoughts and intents of your heart.

Psalms 139:1-3 O LORD, thou hast searched me, and known me. 2 Thou knows my down sitting and mine uprising, thou understands my thought afar off. 3 Thou compasses my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways. (KJV)

Instead of trying to hide things from the Lord, which only delays the process, why not examine yourself openly and honestly today and get rid of anything unhealthy that weighs you down and holds you back from serving Him. Our Lord deals with reality, and not imaginations. Imaginations are like an anchor to many Christians who let imaginary thoughts keep them in bondage, instead of looking to the reality of what our Lord would like to see them walking in today, that being a deeper love and commitment to His word.

Jeremiah 17:9-11 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? 10 I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings. 11 As the partridge sits on eggs and hatches them not; so he that gets riches, and not by right, shall leave them in the midst of his days, and at his end shall be a fool. (KJV)

Mankind has hatched many doctrines and denominations that are not based on a love for our Lord, but on a love for the things of this fallen realm. The Lord is doing a daily search to see who is willing to serve Him today, in spirit and in truth. If neither one of these two is in order then He will just pass by and look for someone else. Not something you want to see happen, do you?

1 Corinthians 11:28-30 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. 29 For he that eats and drinks unworthily, eats and drinks damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. 30 For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. (KJV)

Our Lord is like a coach looking down the bench to see who is available. Many are on the injured list because their motives were not right and they became weak, sick, or fell asleep at the wheel on the way to the stadium.

Psalms 26:1-3 Judge me, O LORD; for I have walked in mine integrity: I have trusted also in the LORD; therefore I shall not slide. 2 Examine me, O LORD, and prove me; try my reins and my heart. 3 For thy loving kindness is before mine eyes: and I have walked in thy truth. (KJV)

Do you desire to be used of our Lord? Then you will need the right motive based on love. The word of God is described as being a pure river of life flowing your way from His throne. So Church let’s get rid of all the junk and impediments in your stream so that you can let this love continue to flow through you.

Jude 1:21 Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. (KJV)

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