*Tuesday, June 25, 2013*

**Motives**

Matthew 6:1-4 Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven. 2 Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, they have their reward. 3 But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: 4 That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly. (KJV)

Many people get tired of politicians because it seems like they can’t do anything without an audience and ulterior motives. I have seen this carry over into the realm of what man calls a ministry, when they hand pick certain individuals and then have them say things for their benefit. I say they should interview some of the naysayers because if you are not getting some flack once in a while you might `wonder what you are doing wrong. Take note of the fact that when you do anything for any other reason outside of pleasing the Lord your reward is limited to man, and his approval. On the Day of Judgment this is not an outcome you will love.

Ephesians 6:5-8 Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ; 6 Not with eye service, as men pleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; 7 With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men: 8 Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free. (KJV)

Singleness simply means not self seeking. It eliminates the carnal man from the equation so that the inward man can take over. When you do a task, or the Lord asks something of you that involves others, are you doing it to please them or the Lord? Are you doing the same quality and providing something that you would be pleased with, or when it comes to others do you just give them second hand things and efforts? If you desire the Lord’s reward then you will need to do it unto Him to the point it is pleasing in His sight.

Colossians 3:22-25 Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eye service, as men pleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God: 23 And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; 24 Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ. 25 But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons. (KJV)

There is a big difference between doing things from the heart and just going through the motions. Given the fact that the heart is the first place the Lord looks, then that would be the place you want to make sure is right with the Lord. Our Lord expects the best from His people, so that in return, He can reward them with His best. So if you think you have been shortchanged lately you may need to check your motives to make sure they are right.

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