*Friday, June 28, 2013*

**Motives**

John 15:11-13 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. 12 This is my commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you. 13 Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends. (KJV)

The joy of the Lord is our strength, and like a gas tank you want to keep this joy on full. If you desire to go to the head of the class then your motivation should be love, a willingness to lay down your life for others. Putting others and their needs ahead of your own is what will get you to step into a greater understanding of how salvation really works.

Philippians 2:2-5 Fulfill ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. 3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. 4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. 5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: (KJV)

You will know when you are truly serving the Lord because you will consistently have this joy working in you, and the peace of God will rule in all your decisions. You will have motives based on love not only for the Lord, but for His people even when no one else sees it or acknowledges it; well at least not here on earth.

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. (KJV)

We began in Matthew 6, where many were doing things to be seen by man, and because of the motive of the heart, that would be the only reward they would have. Many are all in and on board when it comes to being blessed by God, but how many or should I say how few show the same diligence when it comes time to be a blessing to others, no matter what He asks of you?

Galatians 5:13-15 For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only uses not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. 14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shall love thy neighbor as thyself. 15 But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another. (KJV)

I have been in places that are like a henhouse when an open wound surfaces, all the others pick it to death. The only thing I loved about that situation was getting out of there fast.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 Charity suffers long, and is kind; charity envies not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, 5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeks not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; 6 Rejoices not in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; 7 Bears all things, believeth all things, hopes all things, and endures all things. (KJV)

Chapter 13 gives an accurate account and overview of what true love is and what we need as our only motivation for serving the Lord. If your motives are off then you will not move forward in your walk in the Spirit.

Dearly loved, let the love of God flow through you today and have a very blessed and prosperous day in Christ Jesus our Lord.