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**Overcome**

Romans 12:21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good. (KJV)

You know, the will of God for each and every one of His people is to be delivered from this present evil world. In fact we are not only going to have to deal with the evil things of this fallen world, but as believers in Christ we will need to learn how to overcome these things so that we can show up faultless before His throne.

1 Timothy 6:9-11 But 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)

Paul is quite specific in the root cause of evil, something that has overcome mankind to the point of them drowning in this destruction. You know with all the warnings throughout the Word, it is amazing how many of God’s own people still get duped into thinking a love for something carnal could ever satisfy a spiritual need. With all the attention and affection that the world puts on money and their love for it, we the Church need to flee from these destructive doctrines which draw the attention from above to that which is below.

Matthew 6:22-24 The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. (23) But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness! (24) No man 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. (KJV)

There was a song years ago that said “you got to serve somebody”. The question now becomes personal Church; who or what are you really serving, our Lord above or the god of this world? What kind of vision do you have today; is it clear and precise looking above, or is their division and maybe some blurriness caused by double vision of the heart? Do you really desire to be an overcomer? Well then, you will have to let go of your affection for the things of this life in order for that to take place. Not because I say so, but because your Bible is quite clear and specific that no man can serve two masters.

Ecclesiastes 5:12-15 The sleep of a labouring man is sweet, whether he eat little or much: but the abundance of the rich will not suffer him to sleep. (13) There is a sore evil which I have seen under the sun, namely, riches kept for the owners thereof to their hurt. (14) But those riches perish by evil travail: and he begetteth a son, and there is nothing in his hand. (15) As he came forth of his mother's womb, naked shall he return to go as he came, and shall take nothing of his labour, which he may carry away in his hand. (KJV)

When you leave this realm and seek entrance into the eternal one, there is nothing carnal that you can take with you that will be of any profit or use come the day of judgment, is there? However, there is something that you can take that is eternal, something unseen to the outward but considered a treasure to the inward man. One of the biggest sore spots that we all deal with, and something that we learned from our past, was a love of money. We all came into salvation with some baggage, carry on stuff that will no longer be allowed if one desires to take off on their flight home.

Luke 12:25-26 And which of you with taking thought can add to his stature one cubit? (26) If ye then be not able to do that thing which is least, why take ye thought for the rest? (KJV)

Hey, ever hear that term ‘the last shall be first and the first last’? Well, when you entered the Lord’s realm and way of thinking all of that stuff that you thought was so important just got put at the bottom of the list. All those things that you didn’t think were important, yeah, they just got elevated to the front of your list. In the end people, if you are not able to come to an understanding of who your source is, and that He supplies all your need, then there is no point in looking ahead to anything else until you do. Do you really, truly desire to be an overcomer? Then cast your care upon the Lord, and He will do the caring for you concerning your finances as well.