*Thursday, July 17, 2014*

**Please God**

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 sees in secret himself shall reward thee openly. (KJV)

Ask yourself this question honestly, am I as gung ho on Monday to please our Lord as I was on Sunday when I had an audience at church? What are my real motives for serving the Lord? Is it so that I can impress others, or am I more willing to serve in secret where our Lord sees and rewards?

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)

I have to chuckle sometimes when I see these ungodly telethons the so called preachers do on TV. Not only do they have the gall to beg for money, but then they put people’s names on the screen and give more credit to the largest donors which totally contradicts what the Lord would have His people do. It doesn’t matter who you are or claim to be, when you try to please man instead of God it is wrong and will not be rewarded.

John 8:28-29 Then said Jesus unto them, when ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things. 29 And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him. (KJV)

Everyone would like to make the statement our Lord made in verse 29, and know it is true. In order for that to happen you will need to realize that you cannot please both God and man. You will see throughout the Bible that the people God has used were not always a crowd favorite. The only standing ovation a true man of God will get today is when they are walking out, and not walking in like many false prophets we are surrounded with today.

2 Corinthians 6:4-6 But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, 5 In stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in watching’s, in feastings; 6 By pureness, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned, (KJV)

Unfeigned means sincere, without hypocrisy, no hidden motives or agenda except to build up the people in truth. The difference between a real man of God and the pretenders, which are many, is that they are looking to build a following, while few are looking to build up the followers.

2 Corinthians 6:7-10 By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, 8 By honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report: as deceivers, and yet true; 9 As unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed; 10 As sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things. (KJV)

A true man of God is virtually unknown to many, yet well known to God. With the false prophets it is just the opposite.

Dearly loved let’s be of the few and serve God in singleness of heart; God bless and have a prosperous day in Christ Jesus our Lord.