*Wednesday, February 23, 2011*

**Real Love**

1 Corinthians 13:4-5 Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, (5) Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; (KJV)

As we go along we can do a self examination to see if any of these things are in our own life and need to be changed. For instance, how about the term thinking no evil? Today I want you to be open and honest with yourself about where you are in your walk, and what really has the most influence, the love of God or another love that may need to be weeded out.

Proverbs 8:17-19 I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me. (18) Riches and honour are with me; yea, durable riches and righteousness. (19) My fruit is better than gold, yea, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver. (KJV)

Here is one that gets a lot people, one that can have a negative influence if not dealt with properly. Do you remember what the root of all evil is? Yeah that would be a love of money. So today, doing your own personal inventory, was the love of God your first love and motivation, the first thing that you sought out today? Can you honestly say that knowing God personally and experiencing His love is more precious to you than the riches of this fallen world? This is something to truly ponder and think about, so that you can move forward in your walk.

Proverbs 2:1-5 My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee; (2) So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding; (3) Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; (4) If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; (5) Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God. (KJV)

Things get personal with God when you truly experience His love; for instance, He refers to us as His son, a part of His family as we see in verse 1. Can you honestly say that your love and motive for our Lord is as great as, or even greater than the effort that you put into the carnal things of this life? Quite frankly this is the love and commitment that is needed to continue with our Lord, as well as experience His love personally.

Matthew 6:21-24 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. (22) 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)

You will find in your walk with the Lord that in order to partake of the new life in Christ you will have to let go of and die to the old ways as well as thinking from our past. Sad to say, many people think that if they had more mammon that they could do more for God. Many false prophets promote this mindset as well; thinking that a love for something carnal could ever compare to the love of God, as well as bring them into a closer relationship with Him.

Psalms 19:9-11 The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. (10) More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. (11) Moreover by them is they servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward. (KJV)

So can you truly say that the things of God are something that you treasure the most? Because if it is, then you will love the result.