*Tuesday, June 28, 2011*

**Rooting Out The Evil**

Luke 11:16-17 And others, tempting him, sought of him a sign from heaven. (17) But he, knowing their thoughts, said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and a house divided against a house falleth. (KJV)

Isn’t it just like mankind to keep looking for something in the outward realm to satisfy an inward need? Nothing new really under the sun today either, as we see the love of money waxing worse and worse. Oh I am not just talking about the world; that is to be expected of carnal people. No, now we see how this doctrine has infiltrated the so called church and like a wild fire is running out of control because of a lack of living waters to put them out. We see clearly stated by our Lord that a house divided will not stand. We know also that the Bible describes us, the Church, as being His house and what our Lord will and will not stand for.

Luke 16:13-15 No servant 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. (14) And the Pharisees also, who were covetous, heard all these things: and they derided him. (15) And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God. (KJV)

I flip through the religious channels periodically and it seems that if they didn’t preach on tithing and hundredfold return, well, those networks would probably go silent. I ask you honestly today, is there anything more highly esteemed today than a love of money? With that being said, can you see where that rates according to the word of God? That thing man keeps putting first is actually an abomination in the sight of God. So if that is first on mans list where would that put God? Worse yet, where does it put those who are now being described as covetous?

Deuteronomy 6:4-6 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: (5) And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. (6) And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: (KJV)

That pure word of God is not going to get into the heart and actually stay there unless you get the old stuff weeded out first. You cannot take the things of this life and try to combine them with the things of the new life and think you that will make any progress in your walk with the Lord. Double minded will result in being unstable, which will lead to unable to receive anything from the Lord.

Mark 12:32-34 And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but he: (33) And to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbour as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices. (34) And when Jesus saw that he answered discreetly, he said unto him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of God. And no man after that durst ask him any question. (KJV)

Remember what our Lord said about those that knew the truth? Yeah, they would be set free and not be in bondage to this fallen world’s way of thinking. Hey, did you notice this man won the approval of our Lord and it didn’t cost him a dime? Yet today it seems like just the opposite is taking place, where man claims the more they give the more they get.

Revelation 2:2-4 I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: (3) And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted. (4) Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. (KJV)

Remember who this Word is written to, and give heed to the warnings so that you don’t end up leaving your first love for some cheap imitation. Simply put, if the Lord is not first then you will never last.