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**Rooting Out The Evil**

Colossians 3:5-7 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: (6) For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience: (7) In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them. (KJV)

As you notice in verse 7, there was a time when you lived according to the world’s way; however, that is not going to work anymore for you the believer in Christ. We see the word ‘idolatry’ being used which is a result of coveting. Oh that forbidden fruit always looks so good to our lower fallen natures, yet how deadly it is to the new man in Christ that we should be growing up into.

Ezekiel 14:3-5 Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their heart, and put the stumblingblock of their iniquity before their face: should I be inquired of at all by them? (4) Therefore speak unto them, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Every man of the house of Israel that setteth up his idols in his heart, and putteth the stumblingblock of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to the prophet; I the LORD will answer him that cometh according to the multitude of his idols; (5) That I may take the house of Israel in their own heart, because they are all estranged from me through their idols. (KJV)

One of the most popular programs in America uses the word ‘idol’ to describe their winners. The enemy has been trying to get mankind to replace God with something or someone far inferior to our Lord and what He had planned for His people. Do keep in mind what happens to those that put stumbling blocks in the way of God’s people, they will not have a happy ending to say the least.

Ephesians 5:2-3 And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour. (3) But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; (KJV)

Back in the eighties a movie came out where the term ‘greed is good’ was mentioned, and it raised a lot of eyebrows. When the remake of that movie came out last year the statement was made that ‘everyone is drinking the same Kool-Aid’. Well, something that was not to be mentioned or spoke about at all in the Church, a word called covetousness, is not only being promoted by many false prophets but is being embraced by many unsuspecting, lazy dull of hearing Christians.

2 Peter 2:1-3 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. (2) And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. (3) And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not. (KJV)

While watching some documentaries over the weekend I see how greed and covetousness has driven food prices and other commodities through the roof. I see how workers are exploited, and are nothing more than a number to these big corporations. This same mindset has infiltrated the so called church with these larger than life ministries who prey on the weak instead of really praying for them. Those of you that keep supporting this junk are just as guilty as they are.

Matthew 24:11-13 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. (12) And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. (13) But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. (KJV)

A pure love for our Lord is being frozen by a bunch of cold hearted people who no longer have rivers of living waters flowing through them. You need to really ask yourself honestly who your first love really is. Do notice that it is not a few that are falling for these false doctrines, it is many of God’s people who may have begun in the Spirit, but then thought that they could perfect their walk according to the flesh.