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**Rooting Out The Evil**

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)

I wanted to conclude this week with a reminder that this get rich quick mentality has not and never will fly through our Lord’s radar without getting detected and shot down. You will not get into the kingdom of God and be able to access all that He has for you until you leave this fallen mentality at the door. I have seen many get taken down with this fallen way of thinking, and have watched organizations fall apart because they thought money was the answer.

Proverbs 28:20-22 A faithful man shall abound with blessings: but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent. (21) To have respect of persons is not good: for for a piece of bread that man will transgress. (22) He that hasteth to be rich hath an evil eye, and considereth not that poverty shall come upon him. (KJV)

Instead of becoming rich in faith many are chasing riches that will end up drawing them away from our Lord rather than closer. Many have sold out for a bit more bread, rather than partaking of the living bread from above that brings life.

Haggai 1:5-7 Now therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways. (6) Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes. (7) Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways. (KJV)

This rather sums things up well Church, consider your ways. While we were taught in the past that bigger is better, and that success is achieved by getting more stuff, the reality of our Lord is a totally different way of thinking. You think you can work your way out of situations only to find out there are some gaping holes in your doctrines.

Ecclesiastes 5:10-12 He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase: this is also vanity. (11) When goods increase, they are increased that eat them: and what good is there to the owners thereof, saving the beholding of them with their eyes? (12) 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. (KJV)

All this stuff; yeah, in the end you just can’t take any of it with you. In fact, instead of getting a good night’s sleep you were more concerned with carnal things than Spiritual. So instead of falling asleep and getting the rest you needed for the outward man you fell fast asleep Spiritually.

Proverbs 27:19-20 As in water face answereth to face, so the heart of man to man. (20) Hell and destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied. (KJV)

Just like looking down into the water, no matter how many times you look at it you get the same reflection back. No matter how many times man tries to find peace and contentment any other way than what our Lord intended, well it just ends up to be watered down doctrine.

1Timothy 6:3-5 If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; (4) He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, (5) Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself. (KJV)

If you are in a congregation that spends more time with the outward than the inward, that is the time to head outward for the exit, instead of embracing this nonsense, lending your support to it. If you really desire to move forward in your walk with God then you will need to root this evil out and replace it with a new source. God bless true Church, and keep guarding your garden.