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**Simple Little Things**

Mark 8:6-9 And he commanded the people to sit down on the ground: and he took the seven loaves, and gave thanks, and brake, and gave to his disciples to set before them; and they did set them before the people. (7) And they had a few small fishes: and he blessed, and commanded to set them also before them. (8) So they did eat, and were filled: and they took up of the broken meat that was left seven baskets. (9) And they that had eaten were about four thousand: and he sent them away. (KJV)

I would like to address an issue I have seen taking place and expose it for the carnal way man thinks. First of all I would like to know how do people describe a gift to God, and then they categorize it large or small. Really, because from what I am seeing God’s ways are so much higher than mans; in fact it is described as being as high as the heaven from the earth. We are the ones that downplay what the Lord is asking of us, and then keep Him in our carnal little boxes.

Luke 21:1-4 And he looked up, and saw the rich men casting their gifts into the treasury. (2) And he saw also a certain poor widow casting in thither two mites. (3) And he said, Of a truth I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast in more than they all: (4) For all these have of their abundance cast in unto the offerings of God: but she of her penury hath cast in all the living that she had. (KJV)

Wow, that is totally opposite of what many are teaching, because they make it sound like the more I give the more I get. Yet isn’t it interesting once again to see where our Lord put the emphasis, and that would be on the inward intent of the heart and not the outward amount so many judge by.

James 2:1-4 My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons. (2) For if there come unto your assembly a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel, and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment; (3) And ye have respect to him that weareth the gay clothing, and say unto him, Sit thou here in a good place; and say to the poor, Stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool: (4) Are ye not then partial in yourselves, and are become judges of evil thoughts? (KJV)

I have actually seen where so called ministers do their telethons and then offer special privileges, even a gold brick that they will put your name on if you give a certain amount. Again, mind boggling isn’t it; and yet so carnal compared to how our Lord would have us deal with His people is it not?

James 2:5-6 Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him? (6) But ye have despised the poor. Do not rich men oppress you, and draw you before the judgment seats? (KJV)

Boy O boy, because of the simple little things that they let slip through their Spiritual radars they still judge things by the outward appearance rather than the inward one that our Lord looks at.

1 Corinthians 12:23-25 And those members of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness. (24) For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked: (25) That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another. (KJV)

Houston we have a problem; this rocket just won’t get off the ground because mankind is still stuck in their lower fallen limited natures and have overlooked those people that God requires us to give the more abundant honor to. Simple, and yet just enough to keep the mission grounded.