*Thursday, December 15, 2011*

**Slice of Life**

1 John 2:15-17 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. (16) For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. (17) And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever. (KJV)

The problem with the world and its system and way of thinking is that it is passing away, and so are all those that are holding to it as well. It’s time to pull the plug, shut the door, walk away from that old fallen way of thinking and walk into the new realm that our Lord would have you to be in. Do know that the lust of the flesh comes with a heavy price tag as well, and that it is not a realm that our Lord blesses or desires to see His people operate in either.

Matthew 23:16-18 Woe unto you, ye blind guides, which say, Whosoever shall swear by the temple, it is nothing; but whosoever shall swear by the gold of the temple, he is a debtor! (17) Ye fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gold, or the temple that sanctifieth the gold? (18) And, Whosoever shall swear by the altar, it is nothing; but whosoever sweareth by the gift that is upon it, he is guilty. (KJV)

Again, while watching one of mankind’s so called versions of salvation, they make it appear that the gold is of much more value than salvation itself. It doesn’t seem to matter to these worldly people about your commitment to the Lord and the vows that you make to follow Him, rather tithing seems to be more important to them. Don’t let yourself get duped into thinking that the more you give the more you get, let alone think that something carnal would ever satisfy a spiritual need. Do take note of the fact that those that engage in this foolish nonsense are considered blind, and fools as well.

Matthew 23:20-23 Whoso therefore shall swear by the altar, sweareth by it, and by all things thereon. (21) And whoso shall swear by the temple, sweareth by it, and by him that dwelleth therein. (22) And he that shall swear by heaven, sweareth by the throne of God, and by him that sitteth thereon. (23) Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone. (KJV)

I have seen and have even been a part of organizations where the gold becomes more of an issue than God. I wish it were that easy Church; just write a check to some big name preacher and then watch how God miraculously responds and literally jumps up from His throne. However Church, there are weightier matters that need to be addressed first; like faith, and judgment, which I would put in the category of discernment, before I would get all wrapped up and bent out of shape about finances.

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)

You know, our Lord got some heat from the false prophets who He described as being covetous, more concerned with carnal riches than Spiritual ones. Please for God’s sake, don’t get taken in and end up drowning in destruction by those that think otherwise.