*Thursday, January 12, 2012*

**Slice of Life**

John 16:12-15 I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. (13) Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. (14) He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. (15) All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you. (KJV)

Our Lord would have liked to have spoken and shared deeper things with the disciples; however, they were still in an infant stage unable to digest it, like a child without teeth, yet the Holy Spirit was not yet poured out so that they could chew on the meat of the Word. The word ‘bear’ in verse 12 also refers to receiving; and just like with today, we still have many who spend too much time in the carnal childish realm instead of maturing in the realm of the Spirit that is available now.

Hebrews 11:1-3 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. (2) For by it the elders obtained a good report. (3) Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear. (KJV)

That word ‘obtained’ means to bear record, to give witness, or to testify was another one. The true evidence of God’s existence is not found in the outward carnal realm Church, but you will only be able to receive it when you hear it firsthand through the Spirit. When you are hungry for a meal you want something of substance, something that will feed you and strengthen as well. Church, you will only find that when you seek and then truly receive firsthand from God through the Spirit that you can know for yourself who you truly are in Christ.

Hebrews 5:11-14 Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing. (12) For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. (13) For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. (14) But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil. (KJV)

Diet and exercise is what keeps the outward man in good shape and healthy; and a Spiritual diet, and exercise of the Spiritual senses, is what will keep the inward man strong, fit, and ready for the Master’s use today. You have carnal senses so that if a meal came your way that didn’t look or smell right you would send it back. So why would you not do the same thing Spiritually?