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**Slice of Life**

Ephesians 5:13-15 But all things that are reproved are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light. (14) Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. (15) See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, (KJV)

One of the first things you do when waking up is that you open your eyes and let some Son shine in so that you can see what is going on around you. The Lord will show you things that have happened over night when you were in the dark, but now it is time to move forward again.

Proverbs 21:2 Every way of a man is right in his own eyes: but the LORD pondereth the hearts. (KJV)

Man left to his own devices is a fool to say the least, and would self destruct without the Lord’s intervention. Wasn’t this your life before your conversion in Christ when you were enlightened to what manner of man you really are? Hey if it didn’t work before, why would you think about leaning back to your own understanding again?

Proverbs 30:12-13 There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness. (13) There is a generation, O how lofty are their eyes! and their eyelids are lifted up. (KJV)

Mankind thinks that they have things figured out, based more on the outward appearance rather than looking within; you know the place that our Lord looks and judges by? Many Christians base their success on large numbers or a big building, rather than establishing a firm foundation in Christ.

Proverbs 12:15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise. (KJV)

When our Lord shines a light in your direction, especially when He aims for the heart, it would do you well to give heed to His counsel and follow through with the changes that He sees is necessary in order to continue your walk in the Spirit. Otherwise it is considered foolish to say the least.

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)

The reality of God’s existence is not found in the outward realm, nor will it be found by your carnal thinking; rather anything that has any real substance is in the realm of the Spirit, a realm unseen by the carnal man. When you put more faith in what you hear from above, that is when you will get the results that are above and beyond what you could have ever thought or asked for.

Philippians 2:12-13 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. (13) For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. (KJV)

I have had people ask me how to work out their own salvation when salvation is not based on works. How about working ourselves out of the equation so that someone else much higher can take over and work in and through you; that is what will bring good pleasure not only to Him but you as well. So again Church, let’s give our carnal ways and thinking a vote of no confidence and let someone new take over.