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**Slice of Life**

Matthew 12:33-35 Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit. (34) O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. (35) A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. (KJV)

God does not like the term lukewarm, because in the end it is something that gets spewed out of His mouth, and not someone who is confessed before His angels in heaven come the Day of Judgment.

Matthew 12:36-37 But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. (37) For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned. (KJV)

So how important are words, well in the end they will either make or break you. If you notice again there is no middle ground with the Lord, you are either with Him, or you are against Him which puts you back on the turf of the enemy.

Job 19:6-9 Know now that God hath overthrown me, and hath compassed me with his net. (7) Behold, I cry out of wrong, but I am not heard: I cry aloud, but there is no judgment. (8) He hath fenced up my way that I cannot pass, and he hath set darkness in my paths. (9) He hath stripped me of my glory, and taken the crown from my head. (KJV)

Hey speaking of the enemy’s turf, we see Job again blaming God for things that he brought upon himself by speaking words of fear into existence. Isn’t this just like man to play the blame game, blaming God for the things that the devil brought to pass. Folks, nothing happens by accident or chance with our Lord, His desire is that none would perish.

Proverbs 4:20-24 My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. (21) Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. (22) For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh. (23) Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. (24) Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee. (KJV)

God’s people have a whole new set of issues to deal with, however these will bring life to the believer in Christ who has learned to be quicker to hear and much slower to speak.

Job 40:3-5 Then Job answered the LORD, and said, (4) Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer thee? I will lay mine hand upon my mouth. (5) Once have I spoken; but I will not answer: yea, twice; but I will proceed no further. (KJV)

When did Job experience a positive turnaround in his life? Yeah, when he put his hand to his mouth and stopped the toxic flow. You will find in your own walk that the more hearing and less speaking you do is what will keep you in good standing as well.

2 Timothy 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. (KJV)

God has given His people the power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and not to be tread upon as many have allowed to happen. A spirit of fear is not from God, and should not be spoken into existence because the enemy of our Lord is like a roaring lion seeking the weak to prey on. So, instead of being the next victim be the victor by praying one for another rather than preying on one another. God bless Church, and keep vigilant.