*Tuesday, April 3, 2012*

**Slice of Life**

Jeremiah 29:11-14 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. (12) Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. (13) And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. (14) And I will be found of you, saith the LORD: and I will turn away your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith the LORD; and I will bring you again into the place whence I caused you to be carried away captive. (KJV)

An effective prayer life is a two way street, where we hearken unto the Lord by being obedient to what we hear, and then He in turn hearkens unto our requests. If you have lost some of your confidence in your prayers be assured it’s not because the Lord left on a hiatus, rather we walked off course on our own, many times being misled by our own lusts or desires.

Mark 4:23-25 If any man have ears to hear, let him hear. (24) And he said unto them, Take heed what ye hear: with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you: and unto you that hear shall more be given. (25) For he that hath, to him shall be given: and he that hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he hath. (KJV)

When you give ear to our Lord He responds in a most delightful way, with a measure that is hard to contain. The flip side is that when you don’t respond to our Lord in deed as well as word then the enemy will begin the process of stealing that joy you had in the beginning, basically where you end up exchanging the truth for a lie.

Luke 6:38-39 Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again. (39) And he spake a parable unto them, Can the blind lead the blind? shall they not both fall into the ditch? (KJV)

Have you ever heard something from the Lord and just couldn’t contain it? I mean, you were like a fountain gushing living waters out and bringing life to those around you. That’s called a good measure that our Lord is sending your way in the form of a spiritual blessing that He desires to see His people operate in. Those that are blind to the truth think this verse refers to money, thus the reason why they are stuck in the ditch upside down with their wheels spinning and going nowhere fast.

Hebrews 2:1-3 Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. (2) For if the word spoken by angels was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompence of reward; (3) How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him; (KJV)

So what should we be giving to our Lord? Well how about your full attention, as well as a willingness to step out in faith once you hear His word. God’s word is steadfast and unmovable, and so are those that give their full undivided attention to Him.