*Tuesday, April 17, 2012*

**Slice of Life**

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (4) (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) (5) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; (KJV)

If you were in the military and were getting ready to deploy, your commanding officer would make sure that you were armed and ready before setting out. You have been given access to some spiritual weapons so that you don’t have to take any more direct hits from the enemy, rather you can dissolve all those fiery darts that he is flinging your way. You should know this as a Christian, that when you accepted salvation you became a receptacle for all spiritual blessings, as well as a target of the enemy.

Romans 7:22-25 For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: (23) But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. (24) O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? (25) I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin. (KJV)

The enemy of our Lord and His people, who is now described as the spirit of antichrist cannot pull you out of the Lord’s will; however, he will do all that he can to paint you the worst case scenario and then ask you to buy into his portrait of salvation. You need to stay alert and cast these imaginations down immediately so that it won’t start a fire that can have deadly effects not only on you but others as well. Paul was able to see and discern the difference between what was of God and what was of the flesh, which was a result of a renewed mind in the Word.

Genesis 3:1-3 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? (2) And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: (3) But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. (KJV)

You know that same slick serpent that got mankind to fall in the beginning? Yeah, that’s the same slick salesman that is trying to get you to fall for another imagination of something that is just too good to be true. Oh that forbidden fruit, of all the tress they had access to why was that one drawing so much attention?

Genesis 3:4-6 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: (5) For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. (6) And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. (KJV)

A simple imagination was all it took to get our parents thrown out of the garden. A simple imagination if entertained long enough will get you the same results if not dealt with and cast down immediately. So which realm got most of your attention today, the carnal or the Spiritual?