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**Slice of Life**

Matthew 20:13-16 But he answered one of them, and said, Friend, I do thee no wrong: didst not thou agree with me for a penny? (14) Take that thine is, and go thy way: I will give unto this last, even as unto thee. (15)Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? Is thine eye evil, because I am good? (16) So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen. (KJV)

A bit of a discrepancy had manifest because some didn’t agree with how the Lord was handling affairs. We see again those that are not in tune with our Lord being referred to as friend, again someone outside the family. Some thought that they should be given more based on their works and not on what our Lord said works, sound familiar? Anytime that we try to put ourselves first, well, we end up last on the list; while those that God has chosen put others first and themselves last, which is why they were chosen by God.

James 4:4-6 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. (5) Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy? (6) But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. (KJV)

This is one of the biggest downfalls of a Christian’s walk, trying to incorporate the old with the new way of thinking. We are told throughout the Word that pride is a precursor to a fall; just like summer always precedes the fall, so will pride if allowed in. The reason many of those that have been called at one time don’t answer and fulfill their calling is because of all this excess carnal baggage that they try to carry into the kingdom of God. You wouldn’t marry an adulterer so don’t expect our Lord to either. You may have dated potential mates in the past; however, once they cheated, you no longer chose them to take your name.

James 4:1-3 From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? (2) Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. (3) Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. (KJV)

By the way, salvation is not a contest where bigger is better with our Lord; there again is man’s thinking based on the outward and not the inward realm. Many miss their calling and are no longer chosen by God to do His work anymore because they get sidetracked trying to incorporate the ways of the world with the kingdom of God.

Galatians 5:14-17 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. (15) But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another. (KJV)

I have seen and been a part of organizations where it becomes nothing more than a henhouse of cackling and nit picking others. If a chicken gets an open wound the rest of them will come along and pick at it, which is why the many that are called of God are no longer considered chosen any more.