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**Slice of Life**

2 Corinthians 5:15-17 And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again. (16) Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more. (17) Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new. (KJV)

I bring this point up because in order to be in Christ and stay in good standing with Him we need to discard the old before we can walk in the new. Today I want to touch again on relationships, some within the family and how we view them. Do you know people just according to the outward or are you looking past the flesh and into the realm of the Spirit? Because if not, you may miss your calling getting caught up with some who are no longer beneficial to your new walk with Christ. This is where I see so many being influenced by others, because they still hold to the old and are not the new creation Christ would like them to be.

Galatians 3:26-28 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. (27) For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. (28) There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. (KJV)

Actually, when we became born again we are now considered God’s people, one of His offspring. We see again illustrated in verse 28 that our Lord is not looking to the outward and judging by the carnal realm, rather His kingdom is within. I bring this point up because I have dealt with situations where children reach an age of accountability, and I see many who hang on to them like they are their property and not our Lord’s. In order to see and understand how to pray effectually for them you have to learn how to separate the flesh from the Spirit.

Matthew 19:28-30 And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. (29) And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life. (30) But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first. (KJV)

Many miss their calling because they keep hanging onto carnal people rather than letting them go and turning them over to our Lord. Some stay in toxic relationships because they feel it is their duty rather than moving on. For some it is a guilt trip thinking that they need to save a family member, which in many cases, is the last thing that our Lord would have you attempt to do, because there are too many emotional strings attached.

Romans 8:13-15 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. (14) For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. (15) For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. (KJV)

Bottom line Church, when dealing with others they are God’s people, His children, not yours. The more you realize this, the less meddling you will be doing and the less heartache and misery you will go through, as well as fear. If God asks you to walk away from something or someone that has more of an influence on you than Him, it is so that you can answer your calling and still be considered one of His chosen not frozen people.