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**Slice of Life**

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. (KJV)

You know, you wouldn’t go to work for a company if you didn’t believe that eventually you were going to get rewarded with a check would you? You wouldn’t hire a carpenter or a plumber and then not provide them with the materials to do the job either now would you? Well, that is what we end up doing when we are just hearers of the Word and not doers. Many are spiritually unemployed and at a standstill in their walk because they don’t give God anything to work with. No I am not talking about all those phony two bit preachers in their three piece suits who equate every outcome with income. I am talking about stepping out in faith and believing God will do what He promised.

Mark 16:17-20 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; (18) They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. (19) So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. (20) And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen. (KJV)

You know, that new tongue that you will be speaking with is one of victory, and you will no longer settle for defeat like you did in your dead end past. Instead of letting the devil and his workers take and toss you around like some tumble weed in the wind, you are going to knock his teeth out with the heel of your boot as you are walking right over the top of him while doing a leap of faith. The Lord is not going to be working with you until you step out on the path that He ordained for you to walk on, and then let Him clear the path for you with a sharp two edged sword. I pity the fool that would try to get in the way of that.

Psalms 31:21-24 Blessed be the LORD: for he hath shewed me his marvellous kindness in a strong city. (22) For I said in my haste, I am cut off from before thine eyes: nevertheless thou heardest the voice of my supplications when I cried unto thee. (23) O love the LORD, all ye his saints: for the LORD preserveth the faithful, and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer. (24) Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the LORD. (KJV)

Sometimes things seem a bit overwhelming to our carnal thinking, however that is not the time to withdraw, rather it is a time to continue in the faith grounded and settled and not moved away until you see the end results.

Hebrews 10:38-39 Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. (39) But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul. (KJV)

You know, with marathon runners they ache at times, and things can seem a bit tough; however, they picture the race they entered and how they would not want to call it quits before the end, especially when they are so close to victory, and they follow through to the end. If the Lord is speaking with you and has asked you step out in faith, out of your carnal comfort zones and into a deeper relationship with Him, how long will you halt between two opinions?