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**Slice of Life**

2 Timothy 2:19 Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. (20) But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. (21) If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work. (KJV)

I heard a saying one time, that if you don’t take a stand in the Lord you will fall for anything. When reading the scriptures I see that holds true with many of God’s people who although they are called, in the end only a few are really chosen. So what happened to the rest of His people and how did they fall away?

Galatians 1:6-8 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: (7) Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. (8) But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. (KJV)

All that glitters is not gold, and neither are all those that profess to know God. The reason why many are not departing from iniquity or keeping it on the outside is because they don’t know the gospel or the doctrine of Christ that would keep them free. As you can see, Paul was not concerned who these influences would come from, or what vessel the devil would use, the response is quite simple, get behind me Satan.

Galatians 1:10-12 For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ. (11) But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. (12) For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ. (KJV)

We have way too many people pleasers standing in pulpits today, preaching things that tickle the ears but do not feed the Spirit. Once you get hold of the revelation of Christ you will find that it is the only doctrine and gospel that will set you free. You will also find that many of those who you thought were so up and up, yeah not happening either. Like Titus wrote in His epistle, that they preach with the motive of filthy lucre’s sake.

2 Corinthians 2:17 For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ. (KJV)

When you truly establish a firm foundation in Christ, you find that our Lord only uses those that are sincere and who are not concerned with income, rather they are more concerned with the outcome of their brethren. So unless one gets the root of all evil pulled out and discarded from their own spiritual garden they will just end up to be another dime a dozen false prophet who sold out his love for the Lord with the things of this carnal, temporal, fallen realm.