*Wednesday, August 22, 2012*

**Slice of Life**

Luke 18:22-23 Now when Jesus heard these things, he said unto him, Yet lackest thou one thing: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me. (23) And when he heard this, he was very sorrowful: for he was very rich. (KJV)

Today in a world where we are bombarded with advertisements and ways to get rich, we find out what the Lord thinks of this doctrine. Today we have many in the pulpits who promote riches to the so called church by making it seem like something carnal could satisfy and fulfill an inward need. We see a very rich man who should have been very happy who was just the opposite, having left in a very sorry state. Oh and by the way, something else that we see foolishly being peddled today is all these preachers who claim that if you send your tithes their way you will get a hundredfold return. How come the greatest preacher to ever walk this earth didn’t make that claim when dealing with a rich man?

Luke 18:24-25 And when Jesus saw that he was very sorrowful, he said, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God! (25) For it is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. (KJV)

Well let’s see, man and his foolish preachers today promote the riches of this world, thinking that’s basically the best way God could bless His people. Yet when I read how His own Son handled the situation I see that the opposite is true. So now I need to decide for myself what is foolish, and what or should I say who is wise. Personally I believe that I will let God be true and every man a liar, which is what every man is until he comes into agreement with God. Or should I say foolish liar?

Luke 16:13-15 No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. (14) And the Pharisees also, who were covetous, heard all these things: and they derided him. (15) And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God. (KJV)

Is there anything more highly esteemed today in the fallen realm of mankind other than the carnal riches of this world? If this foolish doctrine was considered an abomination back then, and our Lord doesn’t change with the times, then what do you think our Lord considers all this nonsense that is being preached today when man keeps putting worldly things ahead of Spiritual? We have a lot of Pharisees today who are unable to see beyond the realm of the flesh, who promote foolish things that keep the people separated from God rather than drawing near to Him.

Psalms 10:2-3 The wicked in his pride doth persecute the poor: let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined. (3) For the wicked boasteth of his heart's desire, and blesseth the covetous, whom the LORD abhorreth. (KJV)

Have you ever noticed with these false foolish prophets today, that they claim that the more you give to their organization the more you get? When they boast of their own fallen desires they are in essence just telling you the area that they fell for and sold out to. Just because they are fools doesn’t mean you have to support them in their folly.

Proverbs 28:10-11 Whoso causeth the righteous to go astray in an evil way, he shall fall himself into his own pit: but the upright shall have good things in possession. (11) The rich man is wise in his own conceit; but the poor that hath understanding searcheth him out. (KJV)

You know, every good gift and perfect thing comes from above, and should not just be limited to the things of this life.