*Thursday, August 23, 2012*

**Slice of Life**

2 Corinthians 8:9 For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich. (KJV)

What if the Lord asked you to sell what you have and give to the poor, and then you would have treasure in heaven; would you think that it was something foolish and unheard of, or would you be willing to walk away from the things of this world? Our Lord let go of the things of this fallen realm so that He could concentrate on the riches from above. Now to the outward man this may seem a bit foolish; however, you will discover a whole new set of riches and things to be treasured if you are foolish enough to let go. I say foolish because what may just totally contradict what you think, may just be the path that our Lord is asking you to take.

Proverbs 2:1-5 My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee; (2) So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding; (3) Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; (4) If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; (5) Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God. (KJV)

Do take notice of who the Lord considers to be a part of His family; those that are willing to let go the things of this life and grab hold of those things of the new life which is available to any man that is in Christ. All that energy and thought that you put into the outward carnal realm now needs to be replaced with a hunger for the hidden treasures of the new one. You won’t find the new until you let go of the old, which is why many are called but only a few will really respond, and that would be in Spirit as well as in truth that sets them free.

Psalms 119:72-73 The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver. (73) Thy hands have made me and fashioned me: give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments. (KJV)

I will ask this question and you can answer it for yourself, hopefully in an honest way. If you were given a choice between a Bible or a wad of money which one would you go for? Those of this world would consider it a no brainer, because they haven’t been enlightened to a greater treasure from above. Those that claim to be of God and yet keep grabbing for the loot are looting God’s people, robbing them blind of all the true treasures that His Son died to give us access to.

Colossians 2:1-4 For I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you, and for them at Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh; (2) That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; (3) In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. (4) And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words. (KJV)

If you have ever gone back and read an account of Paul the Apostle’s life and ministry, you will see that it was one of great conflict and persecution. The reason for this is because Paul preached the doctrine of Christ, which revealed to them the greatest treasure available to mankind. To be able to operate with the mind of Christ living a life without fear and torment, and knowing who you are in His body of believers, is by far a thing to be treasured above and beyond what you could have ever asked or thought of, or settled for in your past way of thinking.

Proverbs 8:17-19 I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me. (18) Riches and honour are with me; yea, durable riches and righteousness. (19) My fruit is better than gold, yea, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver. (KJV)

When you truly set your affection on things above and not limit yourself to just that which you see below here in this fallen realm, that is when you will find out what riches and honor really involve. You will find yourself paddling upstream so to speak, because the world will be going in the opposite direction, thinking you to be a fool.