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**Slice of Life**

1John 3:18-21 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. (19) And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him. (20) For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. (21) Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. (KJV)

Here again we are back to the motive of the heart and what really motivates God’s people. Yeah we have all seen and are surrounded by those that claim to be of God; however, their talk seems to have gotten light years ahead of their walk. I have found that it seems those that know the least have the most to say, while those that know the love of God let their walk do the talking for them. That knock on your heart, that little pricking you sense is the fact that something is not right, and you will not have peace until you deal with it openly and honestly with the Lord.

James 1:22-25 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. (23) For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: (24) For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. (25) But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed. (KJV)

You know folks, if you have a husband or a wife that claimed they loved you, then turned around and did just the opposite of love, like commit adultery, you wouldn’t consider that a very loving gesture would you? Well, many of God’s people begin their walk in the Spirit but then commit spiritual adultery by going back to the realm of the flesh, seeking something that they think will satisfy an inward need.

1John 2:14-17 I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one. (15) Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. (16) For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. (17) And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever. (KJV)

Nothing will kill a marriage quicker than when one or the other spouse has a wandering eye and seeks love elsewhere. Nothing will kill your walk with our Lord and the love you had in the beginning with Him than when you choose to hang onto the world and the things of it. The reason why the people were strong in verse 14 is because they let go of the world and its fallen influences so that they could concentrate solely on their love and commitment to our Lord. Just like in a marriage, you don’t share that love with someone else.

Mark 4:18-19 And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word, (19) And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful. (KJV)

You know all that junk that these false prophets are promoting today; the riches of this life is actually sucking the life out of many who are drowning in destruction and despair. Rather than throwing a drowning person a life vest many are throwing an anchor back at the people who are looking for a way of escape from a cold unloving world.

Proverbs 1:16-19 For their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood. (17) Surely in vain the net is spread in the sight of any bird. (18) And they lay wait for their own blood; they lurk privily for their own lives. (19) So are the ways of every one that is greedy of gain; which taketh away the life of the owners thereof. (KJV)

I would say that the verses above accurately describe many today who are no longer motivated by a love for our Lord; rather they are looking to make a score and merchandise out of His people. Again, these false doctrines are considered spiritual murder, and will be met with eternal consequences to those that chose the world over the Word.