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**Slice of Life**

Williams NT John 6:63-65

63. The Spirit is what gives life; the flesh does not help at all. The truth that I have told you is spirit and life. 64. But there are some of you who do not trust in me." For Jesus knew from the start who they were that did not trust in Him, and who it was that was going to betray Him. 65. So He continued, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me, unless it is granted to him by my Father."

What you will find in your walk with the Lord and how to truly mature in Christ is not how many scriptures that you think you can memorize, rather it is how much you get out of the way so that someone else can have His way in your walk. I have been asked about my own personal study habits, and what it really consists of is spending enough time in the Word and in prayer daily so that I can let the Spirit take over, knowing greater is He that is within me than anything I could think to accomplish on my own merits.

John 4:22-24 Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. (23) But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. (24) God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. (KJV)

True worship is not all this silly song and dance on Sunday mornings where people are literally in a trance waving at the ceiling; rather true worship is something that takes place the rest of the week once you leave the confines of these religious organizations. True worship is something lived; a lifestyle led by the Spirit of God and not based on what you think any longer. Too many people have been too indoctrinated with a bunch of silly religious rituals and are deaf and blind to the leading and guiding of the Holy Spirit.

John 16:12-15 I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. (13) Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. (14) He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. (15) All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you. (KJV)

The disciples of our Lord were not born again yet, so they were limited in what they could comprehend. Today that is not the case any longer, as we all have access to God through His Spirit. If you notice, the Holy Spirit does not speak of himself; rather he will only speak of the things that come from God and then reveals them to you personally. Wouldn’t be great if more so called preachers would follow suit and speak less of themselves and more of what God is doing?

John 5:40-44 And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life. (41) I receive not honour from men. (42) But I know you, that ye have not the love of God in you. (43) I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive. (44) How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only? (KJV)

Yeah folks, you can really see the difference out there between the ones who are giving ear to the Spirit and those that are more self seeking. I personally have had people claim that, ‘without them where would I be?’ Well, with an attitude like that, much better off; because without the leading and guiding of the Holy Spirit, which is where the true life is found, then we are nothing and our walk will be one in vain.

John 8:53-55 Art thou greater than our father Abraham, which is dead? And the prophets are dead: whom makest thou thyself? (54) Jesus answered, If I honour myself, my honour is nothing: it is my Father that honoureth me; of whom ye say, that he is your God: (55) Yet ye have not known him; but I know him: and if I should say, I know him not, I shall be a liar like unto you: but I know him, and keep his saying. (KJV)

Today we have some real dandies out there who put their own names on their ministries; which tells you who is the leading and guiding force, or should I say farce in their walk. Jesus of Nazareth was the first born again man who was able to live a life without sin because He chose to be led by the Spirit, and not the flesh, which is where the life of God will truly be found.