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**Staying Alive**

Genesis 2:15-17 And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. (16) And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: (17) But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die. (KJV)

Mankind was in good standing with God in the beginning, and was given simple instructions on how to keep his relationship with God alive and well. God was quite clear and specific in what would happen if he allowed something or someone else to have more of an influence on him than God.

Genesis 3:2-5 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: (3) But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. (4) And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: (5) For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. (KJV)

Sound familiar Church, you know that forbidden fruit that looks so much better than all the rest of the fruit in the garden? Knowing the devil is a liar and the father of all lies, why do so many of God’s people today still let the enemy talk them into a dead end? How many times do you think God is holding some blessing back from you, so instead of waiting on the Lord you are going to try to manufacture your own perfect world? Yuck, sounds like someone just bit into something that is rotten to the core.

1 Timothy 6:5-7 Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself. (6) But godliness with contentment is great gain. (7) For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. (KJV)

Oh I want to grow and have a deeper relationship with the Lord; I want to know the deep things of God. Are you really content today having food and raiment? I would be willing to say that something so simple and overlooked would be a much bigger deal if you went a day or a week without either.

1 Timothy 6:9-11 But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. (10) For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. (11) But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. (KJV)

You know a lot of serpents are slithering around in the pulpits today preaching a message that is just choking the life out of the believers. Yeah that same forbidden fruit that the first man Adam fell for is taking down those that claim they are a part of the second Adam that is a living soul. However, when one looks back to this fallen realm for peace and contentment then they are on life support, and the enemy is about the pull the plug.

Luke 6:24 But woe unto you that are rich! for ye have received your consolation. (KJV)

Why are so many teaching a doctrine that is a death sentence and not something that would truly bring life to the believer? You are already bought with a price, paid in full and covered by our Lord; so by falling for this forbidden fruit you have now stepped out of the Lord’s realm and back onto the enemy’s turf.

Proverbs 21:16-17 The man that wandereth out of the way of understanding shall remain in the congregation of the dead. (17) He that loveth pleasure shall be a poor man: he that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich. (KJV)

Knowing what the root cause of all evil is, then it is easy to see that these evil communications will corrupt any good moral that may have begun to take root in the true believers in Christ.

James 2:5 Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?

(KJV)

In order to become rich in faith you will need to quit entertaining all that forbidden fruit of this fallen world. If you are really in good standing with our Lord today then stay put and don’t let the enemy talk you out of your rightful place in the body of Christ.

Proverbs 13:7 There is that maketh himself rich, yet hath nothing: there is that maketh himself poor, yet hath great riches. (KJV)