*Thursday, April 21, 2011*

**Sucker Punched**

Proverbs 4:20-23 My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. (21) Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. (22) For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh. (23) Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. (KJV)

As you can see, all through the word of God that good health is something that is promised to His people for their benefit. Many overlook their health, not only the Spiritual but the physical as well, until they have a serious problem that could have been avoided.

2 Corinthians 5:14-15 For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: (15) And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again. (KJV)

Mankind left to their own ways is a mess and a disaster waiting to happen. Now that we are in Christ we should no longer be seeking to please self, rather we should realize that we now represent our Lord by being examples of the believers in Christ. Your lifestyle before Christ was a dead end, and we were all headed for the slaughter house until God sent His Son our way to redeem us back.

2 Corinthians 5:16-18 Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more. (17) Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. (18) And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; (KJV)

With this new life we now have a new bloodline that we are a part of as well. We were limited in the past to just our carnal bloodline, and could only trace our roots to the tree of knowledge of good and evil which is unhealthy and rotting away. However, in Christ we can now trace our roots and become a part of the tree of life which is healthy, and will allow us to live forever.

Philippians 3:18-19 (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: (19) Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.) (KJV)

You know, that many being referred to in the above verses is not just the world; however, it accurately describes what has happened to the many that have been called by God, yet in the end only a few are chosen. Kind of like the marines who are looking for a few good men. One of the first things that they do in boot camp is get them in shape so that they can go out and fight the good fight, and not get taken down by the enemy. Too bad many of God’s people don’t have the same winning attitude as well, who rah.

Romans 16:17-18 Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. (18) For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple. (KJV)

We see in this country that we live in, that many have become weak and pathetic because they seek to please themselves more than the Lord. Many in this country make excuses for their lack of diligence in maintaining their bodies rather than being an over comer. Some will tell you that big is beautiful; which is true to a point, but there comes a point when one gets too big, and they are no longer healthy. Let’s quit getting sucker punched and knocked down by our lack of control over these temples that our Lord asks us to maintain.