*Thursday, July 28, 2011*

**What A Fool Believes**

Proverbs 20:3 It is an honour for a man to cease from strife: but every fool will be meddling. (KJV)

All this week we have been looking at both sides of this issue, we can either be a fool, or we can operate in the wisdom of God. I have found that by knowing the truth of the Word it has set me free from the foolish strife and contentions of this life. I have also found that I don’t always need to know everyone else’s business; especially when they haven’t asked for my input or advice, because then I would just be another fool meddling in areas God hasn’t asked me to get involved in.

2 Timothy 2:23-24 But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes. (24) And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, (KJV)

These silly debates and strifes that man gets involved with; especially when a believer tries to win an argument with the non believer. In the end it just stirs up more strife and contention rather than bringing forth a peaceable conclusion. If someone is not really asking you of the hope that is within you then they don’t deserve an answer. What happens is that they ask things to stir up the emotions, and then the believer ends up bent out of shape and frustrated, which is foolish.

2 Timothy 2:25-26 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; (26) And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will. (KJV)

So it’s not about yelling louder than the other person is it, or having to get the last word in? Nope; in fact just the opposite is true, because the reality is that these people are actually puppets of the enemy and letting the prince of the power of the air pull their strings.

Matthew 12:18-21 Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall shew judgment to the Gentiles. (19) He shall not strive, nor cry; neither shall any man hear his voice in the streets. (20) A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench, till he send forth judgment unto victory. (21) And in his name shall the Gentiles trust. (KJV)

You know, the Lord Himself was not some big loudmouth obnoxious person who demanded respect; rather just the opposite was true. He knew how to get His point across in a way that would cut to the heart, and then He let them decide for themselves. Many times you will find that those that are fussing and fighting with others and trying to get their point across are still trying to convince themselves as much as others that they are right.

Titus 3:1-3 Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work, (2) To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men. (3) For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another. (KJV)

They are just a bunch of idiots; don’t they know how right I am? Ah, did you forget what manner of man you really are and what got you into the kingdom of God? It sure wasn’t your works or a fair speech was it? No; actually the reality is that we were just as foolish and deceived as anyone else, and were just like sheep heading for a slaughter until the Lord by His mercy came and got us off of death row.

Titus 3:4-6 But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, (5) Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; (6) Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; (KJV)

What a fool believes; well, that it was by their works or righteousness is what got them in good standing with our Father in heaven.

Proverbs 3:35 The wise shall inherit glory: but shame shall be the promotion of fools. (KJV)