*Thursday, January 9, 2014*

**Consider Your Ways**

Luke 12:18-21 And he said, this will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. 19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. 20 But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? 21 So is he that lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God. (KJV)

Back to the documentary on retirement plans I mentioned earlier this week, many people were frustrated with their results. The people doing the documentary were pointing out the obvious, that they should consider their ways and try something different. As a teacher of the Word that is our goal as well, to get you to consider your ways and point out through the Word the obvious in how God would have us operate. We see above what our Lord thought of a man who had his life all planned out. The end result was our Lord referring to him as a fool. Today have you been fooled into thinking anything in this life could be more important than the spiritual one our Lord was dying to give His people?

Luke 12:22-23 And he said unto his disciples; therefore I say unto you, take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on. 23 The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment. (KJV)

Notice the Lord is speaking to His disciples. Your assignment today is simple; take no thought for your life. Much easier said than done which is why many are called, but few are willing to let go and trust in the Lord with all their heart.

Hebrews 4:9-11 There remains therefore a rest to the people of God. 10 For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. 11 Let us labor therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief. (KJV)

When you put someone under arrest, they no longer are able to do anything that will violate the law. When you put yourself under a rest you no longer are violating the law of faith, instead you are getting out of the way so someone else can have their way, and our Lord’s ways and thoughts are so much higher than anything we could conjure up in our limited carnal minds.

Luke 12:27-29 Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 28 If then God so clothe the grass, which is to day in the field, and tomorrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little faith? 29 And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind. (KJV)

Again let’s consider something else so simple, the lilies of the field and how well adorned they are. If our Lord took the time to clothe the field, what makes you think He has forgotten you? Remember it only takes a little leaven to leaven the bread. So how about leaving your own thoughts and ways at the door before checking in?

Matthew 10:29-31 Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? And one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. 30 But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. 31 Fear you not therefore; ye are of more value than many sparrows. (KJV)

Dearly loved take no thought for tomorrow, instead take comfort in the words of the Lord today. God bless and have a prosperous day in Christ Jesus our Lord.