*Thursday, March 6, 2014*

**Keep It Up**

Revelation 2:25-26 But that which ye have already hold fast till I come. 26 And he that overcomes, and keeps my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: (KJV)

The intent of salvation is not only to find a new life in Christ, but to follow through with your commitment so that you will be rewarded in the end. Many begin so well with zeal and exuberance for the Lord, but then the things of this life seem to become more important.

Luke 18:18-21 And a certain ruler asked him, saying, Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? 19 And Jesus said unto him, why call thou me good? None is good, save one, that is, God. 20 Thou knows the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor thy father and thy mother. 21 And he said, All these have I kept from my youth up. (KJV)

At some point in your walk you will come to a place that I will call the cross road, a point where what has been working in the past needs to be changed so you can continue to grow in the Lord. Sometimes this involves a change in lifestyle, or the people you have been associating with who are no longer beneficial to your walk. We see above what happens with every Christian, something that is so highly esteemed among mankind is not something our Lord desires to see you pursue after or make a priority any longer.

Luke 18:22-23 Now when Jesus heard these things, he said unto him, Yet lacks thou one thing: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shall have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me. 23 And when he heard this, he was very sorrowful: for he was very rich. (KJV)

In the end what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses his soul? The Lord is going to ask you to give up things that are near and dear to you; the question now becomes will you do what it takes to continue moving forward in your walk or will you walk away grieving the Spirit?

Luke 18:24-25 And when Jesus saw that he was very sorrowful, he said, how hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God! 25 For it is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. (KJV)

Bigger is not always better, and having more stuff is not always a blessing from above. Today many false prophets have sold out and walked away from our Lord by preaching phony prosperity messages which appeal to the lower nature, but are an abomination to the new one. If you are in a congregation where they seem more concerned with outward things than the inward I would suggest you head out.

Romans 8:37-39 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. 38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (KJV)

When the Lord comes to you personally and asks you to have a change of heart, will you have the mindset that nothing will stop or separate you from the love of God, or will you follow the rich young ruler down a path of destruction?

God bless and have a prosperous day in Christ Jesus our Lord dearly loved.