*Tuesday, September 24, 2013*

**Perfect**

Matthew 5:48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as you’re Father which is in heaven is perfect. (KJV)

Today the Lord has a perfect plan mapped out for you to follow which sometimes does include chastening. Our Lord chastens His people not out of anger, but in a loving way so that He can work in and through His children. Once you have allowed these changes to take place in the area He is working with you on, our Lord then considers you perfect in His sight despite the fact that we are still fallible beings.

Luke 6:33-36 And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? For sinners also do even the same. 34 And if ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye? For sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again. 35 But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil. 36 Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful. (KJV)

I know you get frustrated at times thinking life just isn’t fair. Well in the outward fallen realm of man it is not fair and will not be until our Lord returns to set things straight. In the meantime you’re going to have to bite the bullet so to speak and rise above what your feelings dictate. The more you operate in the realm of the Spirit, the greater the reward will be in the end.

Matthew 7:2-5 For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. 3 And why behold thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considers not the beam that is in thine own eye? 4 Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye? 5 Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shall thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye. (KJV)

Let me ask this question, have you ever been mad about a situation and the enemy attached a physical face to it, like on a dartboard? I found a solution that was a real wakeup call when my reality check kept bouncing. I found the Lord asking me ‘why are you so worked up about a situation when it was something I never asked you to get involved with in the first place’. In other words, two wrongs do not make a right. Maybe the way things played out were not handled right by others which is why the Lord was not leading you in that direction. Sometimes we get torched in relationships and we let that anger continue long after the crash and burn. In the end we find out that there is a big difference between what God joins together and what our lower nature settles for.

Matthew 18:26-27 The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. 27 Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt. (KJV)

Remember how you started out with the Lord, when you realized you were bought back and redeemed from your slavery to sin? You were looking for some patience and mercy as well weren’t you?

Matthew 18:28-30 But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellow servants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owes. 29 And his fellow servant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. 30 And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt. (KJV)

So how have you handled things since your conversion, are patience and mercy still in play?

Dearly loved, have a blessed and prosperous day in Christ Jesus our Lord.