*Thursday, September 26, 2013*

**Perfect**

Luke 8:14-15 And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection. 15 But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience. (KJV)

Have you ever been excited about something and were gung ho, only to lose interest and end up chasing something else? Many people are like that who are caught up in exterior events and are ruled by emotions. So when the emotion or the honeymoon is over, so is their commitment. However, you will find that perfection or maturity is usually accompanied by another word, and that would be patience. In other words you can’t have one without the other.

Hebrews 6:10-12 For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which ye have showed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister. 11 And we desire that every one of you do show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end: 12 That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises. (KJV)

Have you ever let off the gas so to speak because it doesn’t appear like much is happening, well at least not outwardly? You get a bit frustrated because things just didn’t materialize according to your timeline? It can happen when you lose faith and start leaning back to your own understanding. In fact the enemy gets a bit louder when you get close to a victory in your life because he sure doesn’t want to see you cross that finish line. You’re not going to let that happen are you?

James 1:2-4 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; 3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith works patience. 4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. (KJV)

Of course there is going to be opposition in your walk, especially as you continue to move forward in Christ. Your faith will go on trial and the enemy will do all he can to discredit you and get you to back off again. It takes faith to let patience have its way, because the flesh is tempted to push the panic button and make things happen sooner rather than later. However, you realize as you grow and mature in Christ that by taking matters into your own hands it then takes it out of the Lord’s.

James 1:5-8 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that gives to all men liberally, and upbraided not; and it shall be given him. 6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavers is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. 7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. 8 A double minded man is unstable in all his ways. (KJV)

Have you ever seen or heard a double minded person, they have many different directions they are trying to go in at one time. If you happen to see that person staring back at you in the mirror, take a time out and head for the prayer closet so the Lord can enlighten you again. You will not experience His results until doing so, because He is not the author of confusion, but of peace.

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