*Monday, August 8, 2011*

**Simple Little Things**

2 Corinthians 11:1-3 Would to God ye could bear with me a little in my folly: and indeed bear with me. (2) For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. (3) But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. (KJV)

It has been said that it is not the mountains that we trip over, rather it is the small stumbling blocks that trip us up at times. Things were pretty simple before the fall of mankind; after all it was not until after the fall that the law was introduced and then it became quite a complicated situation to deal with. Today we are in an age of grace where things should be simple because that is the way that our Lord made His plan of salvation to work. However, unless we keep the eyes of our understanding open and alert, we will find ourselves falling for little things that we should have seen right in front of us.

Psalms 119:104-105 Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way. (105) Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. (KJV)

We live in a world of darkness because there is really not that many left who are truly shining the light of the Lord out there. Satan has many who appear as an angel of light, however, just like with the number 666 it is not complete and just enough of the truth is left out of the doctrine that they bring. You will find in your walk that if you just concentrate on your next step today, what is right in front of you, you won’t fall for some cheap trick or illusion of the enemy. Simply put, take no thought for tomorrow.

James 3:1-2 My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation. (2) For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body. (KJV)

Williams New Testament translation for James 3:1-2

1. Many of you, my brothers, should avoid becoming teachers, because you know that we teachers are going to be judged with stricter judgment than other people. 2. For we all make many a slip. If anyone never slips in speech, he is a man of maturity; he can control his whole body too.

Many desire to teach and preach the word of God, however, the truth is that few are willing to walk the walk first. With many they are like the national debt where their talk is way ahead of their walk and it will take some simple hearing on their part to bridge the gap. Many overlook and downplay the importance of the tongue and don’t realize that our words will make or break our entrance into the kingdom of God and His eternal inheritance.

2 John 1:7-11 For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. (8) Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward. (9) Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. (10) If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: (11) For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds. (KJV)

Don’t be like the many who are off and running at the mouth, when the truth is that their heart is far from the Lord. If you don’t know the doctrine of Christ then you are not with Him, which puts you in the category of antichrist. So simple and yet so little seen.