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**Simple Little Things**

Deuteronomy 7:6-8 For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth. (7) The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people: (8) But because the LORD loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the LORD brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. (KJV)

I hope and pray that you don’t base salvation on big numbers and head counts as many false prophets and teachers do. Actually the only thing that does count is your love and commitment to our Lord in return for all that He has done for His people. Oh, and don’t take it personal as you grow and mature in your walk with the Lord that the numbers on the path of life seem to be dwindling.

Luke 12:31-34 But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you. (32) Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. (33) Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth. (34) For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. (KJV)

As you can see, the flock gets narrowed down when it comes to personal responsibility with the Lord. In the end the reality is only a few are willing to lay down their lives and sell out the world and its fallen ways. Many today still treasure carnal riches more than the heavenly ones that God had His Son die for and they are exposed for their folly. You will find out that as you set your affection on things above the enemy is no longer getting a clear shot at the heart because of the shield of faith that you are holding up.

Matthew 9:36-38 But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. (37) Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; (38) Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest. (KJV)

Oh the Church is growing in leaps and bounds and the numbers are staggering. Well, when one takes off their rose colored carnal glasses they see that it is not so. In fact when you look up the word ‘few’ you see the term, little, puny, and small being mentioned.

Matthew 22:12-14 And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. (13) Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. (14) For many are called, but few are chosen. (KJV)

The many decided to exchange the truth for a lie and did not show up with the right garment. Many today are still operating according to their own righteousness and not the Lord’s, and they will not have much of a response some day when the Lord exposes them for who they really are.

Matthew 18:18-20 Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. (19) Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. (20) For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. (KJV)

Huh? Two or three, that doesn’t seem like much does it? Well, according to God you have a majority no matter how small you think it is.