*Monday, March 5, 2012*

**Slice of Life**

1 Peter 5:8-9 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: (9) Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. (KJV)

Sober and vigilant refers to watching and staying alert, because there is an enemy of the Lord that is checking in from time to time to see if there is an opening in the Christian’s armor. Words of faith will keep the enemy moving on in his search because he doesn’t desire to be where the truth will expose him for who he really is. However, words of doubt and fear will open the door of opportunity for him to come in and wreak havoc on a house that was supposed to be of the Lord.

Revelation 12:9-11 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. (10) And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. (11) And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. (KJV)

We see that the enemy of the Lord, who is also described as antichrist, being cast out of the realm of heaven where he would go to God with accusations against His people. The enemy like a little cowardly tattle tale would bring accusations before the throne, slinging mud to see if any of it sticks. A God of love and truth cannot lie, so if the enemy has found something that has merit concerning God’s people, then one can find themselves back under a curse instead of a blessing.

Job 1:1-5 There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil. (2) And there were born unto him seven sons and three daughters. (3) His substance also was seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she asses, and a very great household; so that this man was the greatest of all the men of the east. (4) And his sons went and feasted in their houses, every one his day; and sent and called for their three sisters to eat and to drink with them. (5) And it was so, when the days of their feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all: for Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually. (KJV)

The book of Job is an interesting book because if one does a study of it they will see that God did not randomly decide to punish Job; however, it was actually Job who put himself in harm’s way. You wonder how that happened; well given the fact that the word of God does not change or alter, we will see throughout the Word how this happened and why. If you look at the end of verse 5 you see Job speaking things about his family, and as we read on you will see someone else was listening in on the conversation.

Job 1:6-8 Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them. (7) And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it. (8) And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? (KJV)

God already knew and was not ignorant of Satan’s devices, knowing that he was up to no good. If more of God’s people were attentive they would not be ignorant nor present an open target for the enemy as well. Are you vigilant of the words that you are speaking today; because, do be aware that someone else besides God is.