*Wednesday, May 9, 2012*

**Slice of Life**

Luke 14:21-24 So that servant came, and showed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind. (22) And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room. (23) And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. (24) For I say unto you, that none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper. (KJV)

We highlight these verses but in order to get the full effect you can go back and read the whole accounts of this chapter. What we have is the end result of our Lord bidding many to the marriage supper; however, many were no shows coming up with flimsy excuses. Sad to say, history keeps repeating itself all over for those that don’t answer our Lord’s calling. As we will see going along in this chapter, our Lord clearly spells out who and what it takes to be chosen of our Lord; not just in the beginning but enduring to the end also.

Luke 14:25-27 And there went great multitudes with him: and he turned, and said unto them, (26) If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. (27) And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple. (KJV)

Now hate does not refer to ill will or wishing something nasty on others, what it does mean is to love less; in other words, we cannot allow anything or anyone to be put before our Lord. Yeah I know, this hits real close to home people, but so did the nails in the hands and feet of our Lord. Do know this also, our Lord is not asking anything of us that He wasn’t willing to do on our behalf when He walked this earth. Nor would our Lord ask anything of us that was not in His best interest for us, as well as giving us the strength to move forward in it. Many fall in this area of relationships, basing things on the carnal and not from the Spiritual. Many are in bondage to emotions and feelings when the reality is that those of our past are not always going to be beneficial to our new life in Christ. Now the question is, do you desire to move forward in your walk and be chosen of our Lord, or will you be like the many that do not?

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)

What the writer is saying is don’t be like the many others out there who are not teaching sound doctrine, rather they are more people pleasing; trying to appease a God in heaven and those of this world. If someone told you that salvation is easy then that is the first lie that you need to delete, because you will find that the more you teach sound doctrine from a sound source based on love, the less you will be loved. Again we see what has happened to the many that were called; oh they may still be preaching and running large religious organizations on their own, however they are no longer chosen of God.

Galatians 5:24-26 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. (25) If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. (26) Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another. (KJV)

We serve a Spiritual God, not an emotional one. Many today miss their calling because they mistake emotions for Spirit. Many today base their walk on feelings, things that should be crucified and not entertained as truth; thus why they are no longer chosen.