*Friday, August 16, 2013*

**Sow**

Mark 4:16-19 And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness; 17 And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution arises for the word's sake, immediately they are offended. 18 And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word, 19 And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. (KJV)

We are skipping forward here as the Lord expounds the meaning of the parable of the sower. He spells out what happens when one doesn’t get rooted and grounded in truth, becoming easy prey for the enemy, many times without them even realizing that they are being deceived.

1 Timothy 6:5-8 Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself. 6 But godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. 8 And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. (KJV)

Have you learned to be content today, knowing who your source truly is? If not, then you will find yourself uprooted and the life being choked out of you. Many people wonder what they can do to move forward in their walk with the Lord, verse 6 shows us clearly how to take that step forward.

1 Timothy 6:9-12 But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. 10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. 11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. 12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses. (KJV)

Drowning can take the life of a person, and as we see illustrated above many are entangled in sea weeds of this life, drowning spiritually. Many false prophets today are trying to mix the things of God with the riches of this life and it is nothing short of dead doctrine to say the least. Take note of the fact that these teachings are taking God’s people from a love for Him and diverting their attention back to the carnal realm. Something we should be fleeing from, not flocking to.

2 Peter 2:1-3 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privately shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. 2 And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. 3 And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingered not, and their damnation slumbered not. (KJV)

Covetousness in the New Testament is considered idolatry. If you are not sure what happens to idolaters you only need to go back through your Bible and you will find out. If you are in an organization that focuses more on carnal riches than spiritual ones I would cut those roots off immediately. God truly does consider His people more than just some cheap merchandise of the enemy.

John 2:14-16 And found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting: 15 And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables; 16 And said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not my Father's house a house of merchandise. (KJV)

The Lord took up residence in you and you are now considered to be the temple of God. The first thing He does is drive out those things which are a hindrance, and replaces them with a new desire. Have you kept the enemy on the outside or is his influence creeping back in trying to set up shop all over again?

Dearly loved, keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life. God bless and have a very prosperous day in Christ Jesus our Lord.