*Tuesday, July 12, 2011*

**The End**

1 Peter 4:6-8 For this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit. (7) But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. (8) And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins. (KJV)

Have you ever noticed at the end of a contest that things seem to heat up a bit, and the contestants get more motivated? Given the fact that we are closer to the end of this realm, which will then be the beginning of the eternal one, how fervent have you become in your walk with the Lord?

Luke 16:7-8 Then said he to another, And how much owest thou? And he said, An hundred measures of wheat. And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and write fourscore. (8) And the lord commended the unjust steward, because he had done wisely: for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light. (KJV)

What an indictment to make to the Church, when the Lord compares His people to those of the world. We see those, especially in these last days, that are so diligent when it comes to worldly riches as compared to the Church who are so apathetic when it comes to eternal Spiritual riches.

Luke 16:8 (from Barnes' Notes)

[Children of light] Those who have been enlightened from above who are Christians. This may be considered as the application of the parable. It does not mean that it is more wise to be a worldly man than to be a child of light, but that those who "are" worldly show much prudence in providing for themselves; seize occasions for making good bargains; are active and industrious; try to turn everything to the best account, and thus exert themselves to the utmost to advance their interests; while Christians often suffer opportunities of doing good to pass unimproved; are less steady, firm, and anxious about eternal things, and thus show less wisdom. Alas! this is too true; and we cannot but reflect here how different the world would be if all Christians were as anxious, and diligent, and prudent in religious matters as others are in worldly things.

Ephesians 1:3-6 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: (4) According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: (5) Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, (6) To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. (KJV)

You know, if you really saw things from our Lord’s perspective you wouldn’t be wasting so much time pursuing carnal riches. You would realize that the things of God are eternal, while the things of man are short term with long term consequences. As you see, the Lord already wrote a script for your life and one that will lead to an eternity with Him if you are willing and obedient to follow through with your commitment.

Luke 16:9-12 And I say unto you, Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness; that, when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations. (10) He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much. (11) If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? (12) And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own? (KJV)

You know, the Lord lit a Spiritual candle in heaven so that you could see what is going on in His realm. However, in order to partake of the new you will have to forgo your pursuit of the old. Oh and by the way, one of the things that is your own, is an eternal reward that awaits you at the end.