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**The Only One**

Williams New Testament translation 1Corinthians 9:24-26

24. Do you not know that in a race the runners all run, but only one can get the prize? You must run in such a way that you can get the prize. 25. Any man who enters an athletic contest practices rigid self-control in training, only to win a wreath that withers, but we are in to win a wreath that never withers. 26. So that is the way I run, with no uncertainty as to winning. That is the way I box, not like one that punches the air.

We only get a short time here on earth to run this race, and then we are faced with eternity to deal with our decisions. Today you have the choice, the opportunity, and yes the ability to run this race and finish today whatever course the Lord has for you. By dealing with the things of today and not letting your mind wander off in some imaginary world, it will keep you from getting off course, and not throwing a punch that doesn’t land. We are encouraged to fight the good fight of faith so that we don’t end up knocked out or unconscious to the realm of the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 5:17-18 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. (18) And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; (KJV)

Hey look what happens when you are in Christ; you know, when you’re actually an active participant of the all the Spiritual blessings that we have been blessed with in Christ. Yeah, that is when you will no longer be living the same old boring life, but rather all things each and every day are a new experience because you have decided to walk in a newness of life that was given to you freely by Christ and His sacrifice. Hey come on really, haven’t you had enough of the old results; you know, things that just don’t quite add up and are not exactly what you were hoping for? When you are in Christ, in other words within His will and the place that He has for you in His body of believers, that is when you will see some real change with some real results also.

Mark 10:7-9 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife; (8) And they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh. (9) What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. (KJV)

Now we use this example to see the similarities with a marriage and our walk with the Lord. We now allow His Spirit to bear witness to our spirit, so that we can find out who we are in Christ and how to walk victoriously in His realm. For many though they end up divorcing the Lord and chasing something or someone else that they think is the answer, or will bring peace and contentment to their lives. Oh and please do take note of verse 9 Church, because I can tell you personally that there is a huge difference between who God joins together and who our lower carnal natures become attached with. I have seen many of those that I know personally become attached or end up settling for some deadbeat rather than waiting on the Lord and letting Him show them who the one is that He had in mind for them to be married to.

Deuteronomy 28:1-2 And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: (2) And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God. (KJV)

You know…whatever way the Lord desires to bless you in, or however He chooses to bless, will come upon you and overtake you if you are on the path that you need to be on, with the right motive as well. I personally was not looking for a wife years ago, however, the Lord blessed me with the best person to not only be married to, but to do His work with as well. To me it can be best described as the gift that just keeps on getting better and better folks. However, I have seen so called Christians trolling for someone to fill a spiritual void in their lives, and I can tell you from watching these people that the devil was more than willing to provide them a cheap imitation, with a boat load of heartache and misery as well.

1 Corinthians 7:27-29 Art thou bound unto a wife? seek not to be loosed. Art thou loosed from a wife? seek not a wife. (28) But and if thou marry, thou hast not sinned; and if a virgin marry, she hath not sinned. Nevertheless such shall have trouble in the flesh: but I spare you. (29) But this I say, brethren, the time is short: it remaineth, that both they that have wives be as though they had none; (KJV)

The simple truth is that no carnal person here on earth can or will ever fill that spiritual void that you have allowed in your heart. The reason many have trouble, as Paul points out in verse 28, is because they marry for the wrong reason, and usually to the wrong person as well. So when reality hits, well let’s just say it’s like when the disciples were out in the boat during the storm, they get quite a reality check. The whole idea with a husband or wife is so that you can build up and encourage each other and be able to attend upon the Lord without distraction. In other words, if you married a high maintenance person then you can expect a high amount of distractions as well. Please Church, wait on the Lord, for He is the only one with the right one for you.