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**Things Are Looking Up**

1 Corinthians 2:9-11 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. (10) But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. (11) For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. (KJV)

Things are looking up; thus why we are encouraged to walk by faith and not by sight. I have listened to people and so called ministers who waste their time debating others that don’t believe. Our goal as Christians is to point people to the things above so that they can see for themselves what is going on, and all that is available to those that find it. The only way you will be able to see and understand a Spiritual God is by His Spirit; while anything else will be fruitless and a waste of time.

Galatians 5:19-24 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, (20) Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, (21) Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. (22) But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, (23) Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. (24) And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. (KJV)

How could you ever explain the fruit of the Spirit? Words cannot do justice to what our Lord provided for His people to partake of. We see that the things of God are Spiritual, and only Spiritual people will understand as well as partake of a joy unspeakable. If you notice, this all comes with a price as well, as is illustrated in verse 24. If you truly desire to continue in the things of God then you too will need to crucify your own desires as well. Many enjoy the fruit of the Spirit; however, few are willing to go out in the field to harvest it.

1 Corinthians 2:12-13 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. (13) Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. (KJV)

God is personally taking Spiritual things and insights, and then He reveals them to Spiritual people who are seeking Him with a pure heart. The things of God are so much better than anything that you can experience, or have experienced in the past. However, you need to keep the right motive in your search so that you can know and not just guess that you are still a partaker of His divine nature.

Matthew 12:33-35 Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit. (34) O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. (35) A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. (KJV)

It seems that mankind keeps putting a price tag on the things of God, and then has the audacity to auction them off to the highest bidders, or should I say the lowest ones? What goes into the heart is what will come out of the mouth, so you better make it good. You ever wonder why the Lord said that He would spew them out of His mouth; well, what did you do the last time you took a bite of some rotten fruit?

1 Corinthians 2:14-16 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. (15) But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. (16) For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ. (KJV)

Are you out of your mind? I hope so; because we now have access to the mind of Christ so that we can know the things that He provided for His people. When you are in the flesh and have limited yourself to that realm, then you have leaned back to your own understanding and are about to fall. When you walk in the Spirit, then you are no longer in bondage and limited to that realm.