*Thursday, February 3, 2011*

**Total Transformation**

Romans 12:1-2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. (2) And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. (KJV)

What really amazes me is how much the so called church is just like the world in its thinking; molding and forming their patterns of living after a fallen mankind rather than rising up to a higher realm of thinking. Oh yeah, and every time that one of man’s holidays comes along, you know like that big one that we just went through in December, there is the so called church on board, promoting something that is definitely more carnal in nature than Spiritual. If you present yourself to God as a living sacrifice, someone who is dead to the outward but alive inwardly, then you wouldn’t be so influenced by what others were doing or even what others thought of you.

Galatians 1:9-12 As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed. (10) For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ. (11) But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. (12) For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ. (KJV)

All of my life growing up, and even after coming to the Lord and an understanding of His plan of salvation, there are those that will still try to control you and have more of an influence on you if you let them. I don’t care who they are or who they think they are, if they are bringing a doctrine or a version of the gospel that is contrary to sound doctrine, it is at that point that you kick them to the curb, show them the door, move on, hit the road jack and don’t look back. Trying to please man and God at the same time just doesn’t work Church, and never will. At some point and time in your walk with the Lord you will have to choose who you are going to please, no matter how close you may have been to them.

2 Corinthians 6:14-16 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? (15) And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? (16) And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. (KJV)

I don’t care how nice of a person they are; bottom line, if they are not with God then they are against Him. If you continue to allow these influences to take over, then you too will end up in opposition with God as well.

2 Corinthians 6:17-18 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, (18) And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty. (KJV)

It’s not until you come out and away from these negative influences that the Lord will work with you, and on your behalf. The Lord is not going to try to work with you on His potter’s wheel only to watch you go out and break the mold by hanging around worldly people. When the Lord asks you to step out and be separate that means putting your hand to the plow and not looking back Church.

1Thessalonians 2:3-6 For our exhortation was not of deceit, nor of uncleanness, nor in guile: (4) But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts. (5) For neither at any time used we flattering words, as ye know, nor a cloke of covetousness; God is witness: (6) Nor of men sought we glory, neither of you, nor yet of others, when we might have been burdensome, as the apostles of Christ. (KJV)

Do you desire to be used of God more, and to speak on His behalf? Well, it’s time to get rid of the negative influences that would mar His clay and not allow Him to be formed in you.