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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

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Satan is working overtime!

2 CORINTHIANS 11:12-15 NLT - (12) But I will continue doing what I have always done. This will undercut those who are looking for an opportunity to boast that their work is just like ours. (13) These people are false apostles. They are deceitful workers who disguise themselves as apostles of Christ. (14) But I am not surprised! Even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. (15) So it is no wonder that his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. In the end they will get the punishment their wicked deeds deserve.

I have noticed that there are three things practically on every corner in a city or town; a club, a liquor store or a church. Satan is using every weapon to distract us from the "truth." I am sure you might be saying by now, how does he distract us by a church being located on every corner? Many churches today have fallen from the unity that God teaches. They are divided in hundreds of denominations. Many leaders are more about business dealings, than biblical doctrine. Many leaders speak their words and claim it is God speaking through them. Many of these same leaders cannot submit to authority at all, therefore, they start their own church only to get self recognition. Their congregation consists of people who will listen to the false words they teach or proclaim. I could go on and on, but most of all, most congregations don't know any better, therefore, they support the teaching because they can bring their worldly behaviors and call themselves having God's Spirit! Walking like an angel of light and bowing down to Satan. My brothers and sisters of the faith, "Satan is Working Overtime!"

It is far better to be plain in speech and yet walking openly and consistently with the gospel, than to be admired by hundreds or thousands, and be lifted up in pride, so as to disgrace the gospel by evil tempers and unholy lives. The Apostle Paul would not give room for any to accuse him of worldly designs in preaching the gospel, that others who opposed him at Corinth, might not in this respect gain advantage against him.

Hypocrisy may be looked for, especially when we consider the great power which Satan, who rules in the hearts of the children of disobedience, has upon the minds of many. And as there are temptations to evil conduct, so there is equal danger on the other side. It serves Satan's purposes as well, to set up good works against the atonement of Christ, and salvation by faith and grace. But the end will discover those who are deceitful workers; their work will end in ruin. Satan will allow his ministers to preach either the law or the gospel separately; but the law as established by faith in Christ's righteousness and atonement, and the involvement of his Spirit, is the test of every false system. Do not be deceived, the enemy is out to see to it that you do not submit, learn and walk in Holiness! It is his mission that you receive a first class ticket to join him in HELL! And he will work overtime to fulfill his mission.

SCRIPTURE READING

JAMES 1:22

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Growing old is mandatory, growing up is optional.

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