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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

Please Excuse Me

I remember when I was in middle or high school, and I did not want to go to school, I better be sick! And I mean really "ILL" !!! My parents were not having that. Thirty years later, some kids can just tell their parents they don't want to go to school and the parents don't say or do anything. Some children don't even inform their parents. Instead they take matters into their own hands and the parents would actually write an excuse for their children being out of school. That's right, actually write an excuse!

Many people claiming Christianity, are living (with little to no existence of sanctification) the fleshly, worldly, carnal life and truly believe that when they die or unless Christ comes back prior to their death, we will be excused and He (Jesus Christ) will sign off for us! We say He died on the cross for us, we live by grace or He is a merciful God. Yes, He did die on the cross for us! Yes, we live by grace and Yes, He is truly merciful, but there is no darkness in Him and God cannot tolerate sin whether habitual or not. Both will result to consequences that we have no control of.

MATTHEW 7:21-23 NKJV – (21) "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. (22) Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' (23) And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

Each line above is color coded for a reason. In verse (21), the green line tells us that everyone who calls on God is not genuine or sincere. Remember, God is omniscient (He knows everything about everything)! The brown line in verse (21), tells us that obedience is the key to making it into the kingdom. I will paraphrase verse (22), I was an usher, I was a minister, I was in the choir, I was in this ministry or that ministry. I prayed for sister so and so. I visited the sick. I did a miracle healing to Mr. John Doe. In verse (23), Christ simply rejects the individual! No obedience!!!!!! Many are about self gain or recognition, trying to work their way into the kingdom (the law). Religious, but without the Spirit of Christ!

Christ demonstrates here that it will not be enough to own Him for our Master, only in word and tongue. It is necessary to our happiness that we believe in Christ, that we repent of sin, that we live a holy life, that we love one another. This is His will, even our sanctification. Let us take heed of resting in outward privileges and doings, lest we deceive ourselves, and perish eternally, as multitudes do, with a lie in our right hand. Let everyone that names the name of Christ, depart from all sin.

My brother and sisters of the faith, don't be deceived! This is one excuse that won't be sign off on! A lot of our churches are not teaching this. This is why it is important that we "Study thyself approved." When we come into the knowledge of God, we cannot continue to sin on a habitual basis. Matter of fact, we will come to hate sin just as Christ does. Study these key writings by the Apostle Paul (**GALATIANS 5:16-24 and 1 CORINTHIANS 6:9-11**).

SCRIPTURE READING

PSALM 16:2

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

If loving Him is wrong, we will never be right.

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