

S.O.H.L. (11/10/08)

WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

Do We Really Believe

Proverbs 3:5 NASB - (5) Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; **(6)** in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

While riding on an airplane, I looked out the window and I saw the cloudy skies just below the aircraft. It was a thing of beauty that I had never seen before. The plane slowly decreased in altitude as we were flying through the clouds. A thought immediately came upon me, "I'm looking outside my window and I can't see anything". How can the pilots see where they're going? Do the pilots know whether or not something is in our line of travel? My conscience spoke to me saying, "they are reading the gauges in the cockpit and communicating by radio". The gauges tell everything the pilots need to know to fly the plane accurately. The pilots trust the gauges for accurate readings. Well I'm in the sky, thousands of feet above the ground! So I might as well relax and allow the pilots to do what they do best!

I can hear God saying to me, "Trust Me with all your heart and don't try to figure out my ways! For my way of doing things cannot be compared to your way of doing things."

This morning I want to speak to those who have acknowledged Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and are claiming to be Holy Ghost filled, but continues to do things that are contrary to His word! In other words, **NO TRUST!** I'm not talking about the non-believer and I'm not talking about the one who is not familiar with God's word. This morning I am addressing those who are playing church, not fully trusting in God; still habitually sinning (after saying you have repented), but claiming Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, claiming to be saved and Holy Ghost filled! My brothers and sisters, when we live like this, we must ask this simple question, "Do We Really Believe"? Do we really believe we will get away with our wrong thinking, hypocritical behavior? It's one thing to be afraid because we have never experienced this journey with God before, but to claim Him with intentions of still doing things in an immoral way is another.

The Apostle Paul makes the following statements. First in **1 Corinthians 6:9-11 NLT - (9)** Don't you realize that those who do wrong will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Don't fool yourselves. Those who indulge in sexual sin, or who worship idols, or commit adultery, or are male prostitutes, or practice homosexuality, **(10)** or are thieves, or greedy people, or drunkards, or are abusive, or cheat people—none of these will inherit the Kingdom of God. **(11)** Some of you were once like that. But you were cleansed; you were made holy; you were made right with God by calling on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. Second in **Galatians 5:19-21 NLT - (19)** When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, **(20)** idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, **(21)** envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God. And last in **Ephesians 5:3-5 NLT - (3)** Let there be no sexual immorality, impurity, or greed among you. Such sins have no place among God's people. **(4)** Obscene stories, foolish talk, and coarse jokes—these are not for you. Instead, let there be thankfulness to God. **(5)** You can be sure that no immoral, impure, or greedy person will inherit the Kingdom of Christ and of God. For a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world.

So what is the key to trusting God fully or at least getting started in the right direction? Confess your sin(s) to Him in detail, Repent of your sin(s), meaning do not do it any more, **(John 8:11)**. Yield to the Holy Spirit (listen to God) and make the right choices (the ones God told you to do). Trust in Him with all your heart and lean not to your own understanding! He has made it clear, "He has your back".

This is how it is done. Now "Do You Really Believe"?

SCRIPTURE READING

PSALMS 91:1

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

It is wise to walk with someone who knows the way.



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