

SELFISHNESS : A PROPHESIED SIGN OF THE ENDTIME! : PART 1

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Not quite two thousand years ago while writing to the young Christian congregation which had been founded in the Macedonian city of Philippi, the Apostle Paul wrote in part:

"Let your moderation be known unto all men . . ."
Philippians 4:5, KJV

While Paul was applying this verse, and those which follow it, to his own situation and ministry within the early Christian movement, we would all do well to take special heed to Paul's admonition. It does not require very much observation on our part to realize that if there is one personal virtue which is severely lacking in many people who are living at this current time, it is moderation. Quite to the contrary, and to our own shame, modern civilization has devolved into an unbridled society which lives in excess in many ways; particularly in the developed, affluent world of the West, where the mass media controls a person's every mood, and constantly bombards him with the pleasures of the flesh. As the Apostle John admonished us so long ago in his first Epistle:

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever."
1 John 2:15-17, KJV

Western society behaves like a wild and unrestrained teenager

who is tasting personal freedom for the first time. But this can be very dangerous. It may even lead to self-destructive tendencies and harm to both the individual, and to society as a whole, as reading any daily newspaper will easily confirm.

While modern development in our so-called "civilized world" has provided us with many benefits and conveniences, it has also robbed some of us of some of the essential virtues which were bestowed upon us by our Creator. Primary among these is love for our fellow man. This effect is easily observable by studying any remote society which has suddenly been exposed to twenty-first century living. Many "backward" societies can attest to the moral, social and spiritual deterioration their culture has experienced, once they have been introduced to the "blessings" of the outside world, and the delicacies of the global economic system and the offerings -- or enticements -- of Big Business.

Since the very beginning of time in the Garden of Eden, this social problem has reared its ugly head. Prior to their being exposed to the moral and spiritual corruption of that subtle serpent, Adam and Eve lived a perfectly happy and carefree existence. They had absolutely nothing to worry about. In His great love, the Lord had provided them with everything they needed; which was very little. There was no need for clothes; no need for a house; no bills to pay; no food shopping to do; and no broken-down car to fix. In return, as a token of their love and appreciation for the wonderful world which the Lord had provided for them, all God asked them to do was to take care of that wonderful Garden; as we see by this verse:

"And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it."
Genesis 2:15, KJV

The Earth was clean and pure, and so were they; or at least so it seemed. When Adam and Eve disobeyed the Lord at that vile serpent's behest, they were basically rejecting God's love and instruction. In essence, they were saying that the Father's gift simply was not good enough, that they were not satisfied, and that they desired more. In short, they were acting selfishly, and thinking that God was holding back on them. That is exactly what Satan wanted them to think. That is why he said to Eve:

"And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil."
Genesis 3:4-5, KJV

Wow! They could be as gods! "See, Eve! God hasn't told you everything! He is holding back on you!" Liar!

Adam and Eve were acting just like young children who think that they know better than their parents. Thus, in their pride and youthful folly, they replaced their love for their Father -- meaning God -- with love for themselves. Having succumbed to Satan's deception, they became convinced that they could improve their own condition and become as gods by partaking of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. But as we all know, that certainly was not the case whatsoever.

Instead, Adam and Eve opened up the proverbial Pandora's Box; the tragic effects of which we are still feeling to this very day. As God's Word informs us, due to their selfish actions, sin and death were passed on to all men, as we see here:

"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come."
Romans 5:12-14, KJV

"For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive."
1 Corinthians 15:22, KJV

"Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me."
Psalms 51:5, KJV

"For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not."
Ecclesiastes 7:20, KJV

"As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one . . . For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;"
Romans 3:10, 23, KJV

"Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)"
Ephesians 2:5, KJV

"Then said Jesus again unto them, I go my way, and ye shall seek me, and shall die in your sins: whither I go, ye cannot come . . . I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins."
John 8:21, 24, KJV

"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us."
1 John 1:8-10, KJV

As I explain in articles such as "Satan: His Origin, Purpose and Future", this idea of being equal to or greater than God is the very thing which brought about Satan's fall in the first place. In the Book of Isaiah we read the following:

"How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit."

Isaiah 14:12-15, KJV

This particular theme is likewise discussed in the series entitled "Satan: King of Tyrus, King of Empires". Not only was Satan brought down by his own pride, but it is this very same temptation to be as gods which he has repeatedly used to tempt humanity down through history, since the days of the Tower of Babel. In that particular case, those misguided people said to themselves "Let us make us a name." In other words, "Let's be somebody! Let's make ourselves famous!" In their vanity, they sought to build a city and a tower "whose top may reach unto heaven". Isn't that also what Satan tried to do? Consider the following verses:

"And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech. And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there. And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them throughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar. And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth."
Genesis 11:1-4, KJV

Of course, as we know, God was not about to put up with such pride, vanity, and foolish behavior. Thus, He decided to see how those misguided people would fare with their construction project when they could no longer even understand each other. As we continue reading in Genesis:

"And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city. Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth."
Genesis 11:5-9, KJV

Clearly then, Satan knows the heart of man. He knows that it is wicked, proud, rebellious and selfish. All he has to do is push the right buttons, and we so easily succumb to his vile temptations. If you have foolishly fallen for the modern lie which claims that man has a good heart, then please consider the following verses which reveal the truth, as God sees it:

"And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually."
Genesis 6:5, KJV

"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?"
Jeremiah 17:9, KJV

"And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that

defileth the man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man."
Mark 7:20-23, KJV

To reiterate, Satan knows that if he tries hard enough -- and it doesn't take much effort on his part -- he will find those people who are willing to yield to their selfish pride. Just look at our messed up world today. Can there be any doubt?

When some time after The Fall, wicked Cain rose up and slew his brother Abel in a jealous fit of rage, he was likewise acting out of love for himself, and his concern for his own image before God. Even today Cain's selfish words ring in our ears, and have become a common saying. Consider this:

"And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?"
Genesis 4:9, KJV

When King David lusted after the beautiful Bathsheba as she bathed on the rooftop; then committed a premeditated act of adultery with her, which resulted in her becoming pregnant; and then in a vain attempt to conceal his awful sin, sent her husband, Uriah the Hittite, into the frontline of battle so that he would purposely die, David was also motivated by selfish love. Consider the following verses:

"And it came to pass in an eveningtide, that David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman was very beautiful to look upon. And David sent and enquired after the woman. And one said, Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite? And David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in unto him, and he lay with her; for she was purified from her uncleanness: and she returned unto her house . . . And it came to pass in the morning, that David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. And he wrote in the letter, saying, Set ye Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle, and retire ye from him, that he may be smitten, and die."
2 Samuel 11:2-4, 14-15, KJV

However, as the Scriptures clearly reveal, God was not very happy with David. As a result, not only did the baby die, but the Lord sent the Prophet Nathan to rebuke David, and to pronounce severe judgment against his house, as we see by the following verses:

"And the LORD sent Nathan unto David. And he came unto him, and said unto him, There were two men in one city; the one rich, and the other poor. The rich man had exceeding many flocks and herds: But the poor man had nothing, save one little ewe lamb, which he had bought and nourished up: and it grew up together with him, and with his children; it did eat of his own meat, and drank of his own cup, and lay in his bosom, and was unto him as a daughter. And there came a traveller unto the rich man, and he spared to take of his own flock and of his own herd, to dress for the wayfaring

man that was come unto him; but took the poor man's lamb, and dressed it for the man that was come to him. And David's anger was greatly kindled against the man; and he said to Nathan, As the LORD liveth, the man that hath done this thing shall surely die: And he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity. And Nathan said to David, Thou art the man. Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I anointed thee king over Israel, and I delivered thee out of the hand of Saul; And I gave thee thy master's house, and thy master's wives into thy bosom, and gave thee the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would moreover have given unto thee such and such things. Wherefore hast thou despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in his sight? thou hast killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and hast taken his wife to be thy wife, and hast slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from thine house; because thou hast despised me, and hast taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be thy wife. Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will raise up evil against thee out of thine own house, and I will take thy wives before thine eyes, and give them unto thy neighbour, and he shall lie with thy wives in the sight of this sun. For thou didst it secretly: but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun. And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the LORD. And Nathan said unto David, The LORD also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die. Howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also that is born unto thee shall surely die. And Nathan departed unto his house. And the LORD struck the child that Uriah's wife bare unto David, and it was very sick. David therefore besought God for the child; and David fasted, and went in, and lay all night upon the earth. And the elders of his house arose, and went to him, to raise him up from the earth: but he would not, neither did he eat bread with them. And it came to pass on the seventh day, that the child died. And the servants of David feared to tell him that the child was dead: for they said, Behold, while the child was yet alive, we spake unto him, and he would not hearken unto our voice: how will he then vex himself, if we tell him that the child is dead? But when David saw that his servants whispered, David perceived that the child was dead: therefore David said unto his servants, Is the child dead? And they said, He is dead. Then David arose from the earth, and washed, and anointed himself, and changed his apparel, and came into the house of the LORD, and worshipped: then he came to his own house; and when he required, they set bread before him, and he did eat. Then said his servants unto him, What thing is this that thou hast done? thou didst fast and weep for the child, while it was alive; but when the child was dead, thou didst rise and eat bread. And he said, While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: for I said, Who can tell whether GOD will be gracious to me, that the child may live? But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me."

2 Samuel 12:1-23, KJV

When King Solomon displayed his wisdom by testing the two harlots who both claimed that the living baby was their own, he exposed the selfishness of the false mother. Rather than

have the baby return safely to its true mother, that wicked woman agreed to have Solomon divide the young child in half with a sword. Consider these verses:

"Then spake the woman whose the living child was unto the king, for her bowels yearned upon her son, and she said, O my lord, give her the living child, and in no wise slay it. But the other said, Let it be neither mine nor thine, but divide it. Then the king answered and said, Give her the living child, and in no wise slay it: she is the mother thereof."

1 Kings 3:26-27, KJV

When King Nebuchadnezzar was driven from his kingdom for a period of seven years, in fulfillment of Daniel's prophecy, it was likewise because God was dealing with him about his selfish pride. In the end, the king finally came to his senses and stated the following:

"Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all whose works are truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase."

Daniel 4:37, KJV

Like so many other ruthless kings of Israel, when King Herod learned that the young Jesus represented a future threat to his throne, in his futile attempt to murder the small child, he ordered the slaughter of all children two years old and under in Bethlehem and the surrounding region. Obviously, it was only selfishness that motivated Herod to try to eliminate any future challenge to his authority. As Matthew writes:

"Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men."

Matthew 2:16, KJV

Of course, God was more than one step ahead of that wicked king. Thus, He had already sent an Angel to warn Joseph in a dream that he needed to quickly escape to Egypt with his family, as we see here:

"And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him. When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt: And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son."

Matthew 2:13-15, KJV

By the time that Jesus arrived on the Earth, the situation in Israel -- or Palestine -- had become quite dire. As had been prophesied by the Prophet Daniel, the ruthless Roman Empire was in power. While there was peace on Earth -- or "Pax Romana" as it was called -- it was due to the ironclad fist with which the Caesar's ruled their lands. Their level of tolerance for agitators was extremely low. As a result,

thousands of Jewish rebels -- the Zealots, for example -- found themselves crucified upon Roman crosses for daring to challenge the authority of Rome's pagan overlords.

In addition to being a ravenous beast -- which was a fitting picture painted by Daniel -- the citizens of Rome were also an over-indulgent society. Given to wild parties and orgies, they probably gave new meaning to the term "hedonism"; that is, sensual self-indulgence. The Apostle Paul exposed their sins of the flesh in verses such as the following:

"Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;"
Romans 1:24-28, KJV

In light of this selfish overindulgence in the things of the flesh, and the cruelty of their conquerors, it is easy to imagine what a stark contrast Jesus' life and message must have presented to those people who were oppressed by the rulers from Rome. While Rome preached and practiced brute force and subjugation as a means to attain its goals, Jesus greatly emphasized unselfish love as the central thesis of His doctrine, as we see by the following key verses:

"Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."
Matthew 22:37-40, KJV

It is not surprising then that in both the Old and the New Testaments, Jesus' birth, life and message are described as a great light which shines upon those who sat in darkness. Consider the following verses:

"The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined."
Isaiah 9:2, KJV

"And the light of Israel shall be for a fire, and his Holy One for a flame: and it shall burn and devour his thorns and his briers in one day;"
Isaiah 10:17, KJV

"Thus saith God the LORD, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein: I the

LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles; To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house."
Isaiah 42:5-7, KJV

"And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth."
Isaiah 49:6, KJV

"The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up."
Matthew 4:16, KJV

"In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world."
John 1:4-9, KJV

"Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."
John 8:12, KJV

"As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."
John 9:5, KJV

"Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth . . . I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness."
John 12:35, 46, KJV

"Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles. For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth."
Acts 13:46-47, KJV

"Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come: That Christ should suffer, and that he should be the first that should rise from the dead, and should shew light unto the people, and to the Gentiles."
Acts 26:22-23, KJV

"The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for

brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but the LORD shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory. Thy sun shall no more go down; neither shall thy moon withdraw itself: for the LORD shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended."
Isaiah 60:19-20, KJV

"And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there."
Revelation 21:23-25, KJV

"I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star."
Revelation 22:16, KJV

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Our Modern World Sits In Spiritual Darkness, A Global Plague Of Corruption Hedonism Materialism And Greedy Selfish Living, Scriptural Admonitions Regarding Succumbing To Materialism, Satan Is The False God Of This World Who Tempts With Things, Obsession With Getting Things And Abandoning God, Status Quo, Love Of Many Shall Wax Cold, Parable Of The Good Samaritan, Love And Concern Replaced By Fear And Paranoia, For Men Shall Be Lovers Of Their Own Selves And Without Natural Affection, Loss Of Respect For God And His Word, Mockers, Self-Absorbed Society Engaged In Instant Self-Gratification, Oblivious To Approaching Danger, Attitudes Of Younger Generation, Without Fear Of God Moral Barriers Begin To Break Down, Encroaching Liberalism, Rapid Advancement Of The Gay And Lesbian Agenda, Global Sodom And Gomorrah, Newspapers Profit From Publishing The Bad News, Hopeless Existence Without Christ In Our Lives, A Selfish Existence Or Wholly Dedicated Service To The Lord, Jesus Still Needs Laborers To Harvest Souls For The Kingdom, God Needs Active Witnesses And Not People Who Just Like To Play Church, Many Different Methods To Share The Gospel Of Salvation, Make Your Choice, Heavenly Rewards For Laborers

Despite Jesus' enlightening words almost two thousand years ago, particularly His emphasis on unselfish love, the sad truth is that today, many people once again find themselves sitting in spiritual darkness, as they endeavor to survive in a hedonistic, self-indulgent society which is every bit as corrupt and spiritually polluted as ancient Rome itself. To our own shame, Western society has become the epitome of egotistical living. It is an extension of the so-called "Me First" generation, which has never really seemed to come to an end. From the highest echelons of government to grassroots levels, our society is plagued with corruption, greed and a total lack of respect for the rights and well-being of those people who we consider to be below our own station.

Many people worldwide have succumbed to the symptoms of this dreadful disease. They will do whatever it takes -- no matter how unscrupulous -- in order to climb over others and make it to the top, thus realizing their ultimate delusion of total, self-indulgent materialistic living. It is all based on the misguided notion that things will make us happy. However, the sad truth is that they will not. In fact, as we learned in part one, the Apostle John warned us to beware of this very temptation and manner of living. Of course, John was not the only one to warn us of the materialistic temptations of the world. Jesus, the other Apostles, and even some of the Old Testament writers likewise emphasized the importance of the spiritual over the physical. This is quite evident in verses such as the following:

"And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD."
Job 1:21, KJV

"When thou sittest to eat with a ruler, consider diligently what is before thee: And put a knife to thy throat, if thou be a man given to appetite. Be not desirous of his dainties: for they are deceitful meat. Labour not to be rich: cease from thine own wisdom. Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not? for riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward heaven. Eat thou not the bread of him that hath an evil eye, neither desire thou his dainty meats: For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee. The morsel which thou hast eaten shalt thou vomit up, and lose thy sweet words."
Proverbs 23:1-8, KJV

"There is a sore evil which I have seen under the sun, namely, riches kept for the owners thereof to their hurt. But those riches perish by evil travail: and he begetteth a son, and there is nothing in his hand. As he came forth of his mother's womb, naked shall he return to go as he came, and shall take nothing of his labour, which he may carry away in his hand."
Ecclesiastes 5:13-15, KJV

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there

will your heart be also . . . No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon . . . But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

Matthew 6:19-21, 24, 33, KJV

". . . Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven. And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God."

Matthew 19:23-24, KJV

"For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

Mark 8:36-37, KJV

". . . Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God!"

Mark 10:24b, KJV

"And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God. And he said unto his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on. The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment. Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls? And which of you with taking thought can add to his stature one cubit? If ye then be not able to do that thing which is least, why take ye thought for the rest? Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. If then God so clothe the grass, which is to day in the field, and to morrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little faith? And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind. For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you. Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

Luke 12:16-34, KJV

"Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed."
John 6:27, KJV

"Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire."
1 Corinthians 3:13-15, KJV

"And they that use this world, as not abusing it: for the fashion of this world passeth away."
1 Corinthians 7:31, KJV

"Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content."
Philippians 4:11, KJV

"But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows."
1 Timothy 6:6-10, KJV

"Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are motheaten. Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days. Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth. Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter. Ye have condemned and killed the just; and he doth not resist you. Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain."
James 5:1-7, KJV

"Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."
Hebrews 13:5, KJV

It should not be necessary for me to tell you that the one behind this devilish scheme to totally occupy our lives and minds with the pursuit of physical things, so that we don't think about anything else -- not even God -- is none other than Satan himself. After all, the Scriptures clearly inform us that he is the false god of this present world, and he

owns it all. Being as that is the case, he can offer it to whosoever he will; at a price, of course. Consider the following verses:

"And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it."
Luke 4:5-6, KJV

"In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."
2 Corinthians 4:4, KJV

"Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:"
Ephesians 2:2, KJV

"Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices."
2 Corinthians 2:11, KJV

As I said, some people become so obsessed with their selfish desire to acquire physical things in their wretched lives, that they hardly think much about anything else; not even God. In their foolish pride, they have to prove to all their friends, neighbors and associates that they are doing as well as everyone else. They strive to live up to the sacred image of the status quo. In a word, materialism becomes their god, while the one true God is pushed further and further out of their lives. Even if they do happen to go to church, quite often, it is not because they are really seeking God, it is just to impress their friends, and to play the game, just like the rest of the empty, shallow people who are caught up in the very same game. I am reminded of the following verse:

"The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts."
Psalms 10:4, KJV

What is particularly alarming regarding the current state of society, is that we find certain verses in the New Testament which seem to perfectly describe this modern age. Whether or not the persons who spoke or wrote these words were actually describing our current time in human history, I will leave for you to determine. However, the accuracy of their words is quite unsettling, and should not be overlooked. For example, in Matthew chapter twenty-four Jesus states the following:

"And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold."
Matthew 24:12, KJV

Wow! The "love of many shall wax cold." This short phrase is a perfect description of our modern, selfish, rat-race world, is it not? For those of you who may not be familiar with it, in the previous verse, the word "wax" is an Old English term which means to grow or to become. In short, this verse is

describing a society in which people grow cold towards other people, and think more about themselves. No one can deny that we live in a world that is full of indifference and apathy, where the love of many people for God, as well as for their fellow man, has grown cold. We live in big cities, apartment complexes, and condos where we don't even know our neighbors' names. We are packed like sardines, yet we are strangers to each other. All we care about is ourselves, and our own little selfish world.

If someone gets hurt in a public place, many people no longer even want to get involved or offer assistance. Why? Because they are fearful that that same person might turn around and sue them for some reason. It is a strange world in which we now live, and a far cry from the Parable Jesus told regarding the Good Samaritan who was willing to help a total stranger. Not only did the Samaritan help the wounded man on the road, but he committed himself to paying his bill at the inn where he lodged him until the wounded man could get better. Here is the story in its entirety. We can all learn from it:

"But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour? And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee. Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves? And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise."

Luke 10:29-37, KJV

As we all know, many people will also choose to turn their head the other way when they witness crime and violence. This reaction is partially due to paranoia, and a fear of retribution from whoever may be behind the crime. In other cases, it is just a matter of not caring. Whatever the case may be, what we are witnessing is genuine love and concern for our fellow human beings being replaced by paranoia and fear. How can any society continue to function in a normal manner when its citizens feel this way? The issue of fear is discussed more at length in the series entitled "Dracula, Nosferatu, Twilight: The Vampire Fad", as well as in "Free From the Fear of Death: Law and Works vs Grace".

I am also reminded of something that the Apostle Paul wrote in his second Epistle to Timotheus, or Timothy. Once again, it sounds very much like Paul could easily be describing our current age. Consider the following verses. I have placed a few words in uppercase letters for the sake of emphasis:

"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For MEN SHALL BE LOVERS OF THEIR OWN SELVES, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, WITHOUT NATURAL AFFECTION, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away."
2 Timothy 3:1-5, KJV

Amazing, isn't it, that words which were written almost two thousand years ago, can so perfectly describe what we are seeing in society today. Incidentally, the phrase "without natural affection" is derived from the Greek word "astorgos", which meanings "unloving". Isn't that exactly what the Lord said in the previous verse that we examined? Another ungodly attitude which is becoming quite prevalent in our modern day can be found in something which the Apostle Peter wrote in his second Epistle. Consider the following two verses and see if they doesn't sound familiar:

"Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation."
2 Peter 3:3-4, KJV

Just as these verses describe, in our modern age, many people have lost their fear of God, and their respect for His holy Word; that is, if they ever had it to begin with. Not only is our God is mocked and disrespected, but His name is used in vain on a daily basis by millions of people. His Word is described as mere myths which are only embraced by ignorant folks. Many people also engage in actions without thinking of the consequences. They are totally absorbed in lives of instant self-gratification, and do not seem to care about much of anything else. They get drunk on booze, high on a wide assortment of drugs, engage in sexual acts which are strictly prohibited in the Bible, praise the Devil in their songs, art and dance, and do whatever else it is that pleases them. The modern world has become a self-absorbed, self-indulged society which cannot see much further than their iPads, iPhones, Androids and other mobile devices.

I am reminded of something else which Jesus stated in the twenty-fourth chapter of the Gospel of Matthew. Consider the following interesting verses:

"But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."
Matthew 24:37-39, KJV

Jesus is describing a world which is totally oblivious to the truth; in fact, a world which does not even seem to want to know the truth, and which appears to be totally unaware of the approaching danger. The attitude of many people in our current generation seems to be "Eat, drink and be merry,

for tomorrow we die, so why not just party?" In other words, I sense a loss of hope in a lot of young people. To be quite honest, taking into consideration the fact that the older generation is largely responsible for what this generation has inherited, I can't say that I totally blame young people for their current attitudes. They are witnesses to what the corrupt politicians, greedy Big Business and warmongers have done to our world. So they do have justifiable reasons for being upset with their elders.

However, what is dangerous is that with a loss of hope comes a loss of faith; and with a loss of faith can come loss of a fear of God. In the absence of a fear of God, moral barriers begin to break down, and that is precisely what we are seeing at this current time. I believe that I mention this point in the series entitled "When Sin is no Longer a Sin". Liberalism is spreading everywhere. This has resulted, for example, in the recent rapid advancement of the gay and lesbian agenda. A society which still fears God would not let this happen, in my opinion. It is precisely because they don't care what God thinks, that they have become so bold in promoting their evil cause. Tragically, they are winning, and I don't want to know what our world will be like twenty years from now. It won't be a world that I want to live in, because it will be global Sodom and Gomorrah.

If one wants to gauge the temperature of modern society, all he really has to do is read the daily news. It is filled with the latest stories involving war, political corruption, crime and violence, Wall Street deception, Big Business dishonesty, abortion, rape, sexual perverts, drug busts, and many other evils. Tragically, many of these things revolve around plain old selfishness and the wickedness of the human heart in one form or another. Unlike the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the daily newspaper is a bearer of sad tidings and bad news. Publishing companies have become rich from printing such negative material, and the people love to have it so. If people were not interested in reading it, then there would be no profit in it. But in light of all of the negativity which is shoved in our faces every day, is it really any wonder that so many people feel down, depressed, without hope, and even suicidal? I am reminded of something that the Apostle Paul wrote to the Christian brethren at Ephesus. He said:

"That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:"
Ephesians 2:12, KJV

That is exactly what people are like when they live godless lives and don't know Christ. They are without any real hope. Even if they are rich and powerful, and appear happy on the outside, their lives are still bleak and empty on the inside. They may fool their friends, but they are spiritually dead shells. However, that is where we enter the picture. We each need to decide what we are going to personally do about it. Taking this discussion to a more personal level, are you just going to continue living your same old selfish existence just like everyone else who is striving to get ahead in the rat race? Or are you going to make a positive change in your life and dedicate yourself more earnestly to doing God's Will and God's Work? As I point out in such articles as "Parable of

the Sower: Salvation and Service", the Lord is constantly in need of more laborers to reap the great harvest of souls; for as He stated in the Gospels:

"Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

Matthew 9:37-38, KJV

"Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest."

Luke 10:2, KJV

"Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth. I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours."

John 4:35-38, KJV

There are still many people who need to hear the Good News of God's Kingdom, and new people are being born every day. But as the Apostle Paul informs us in the following verses, it requires flesh and blood people to take the Message of Salvation to them:

"How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!"

Romans 10:14-15, KJV

Even if you just pass out a few Salvation tracts each time that you go out shopping, or whenever you visit your local park, it is better than what most Christians are doing right now. If you are unable to get out in public due to your age, or because of health issues, you can always preach online as I currently do. If you are reading this, you obviously know how to use a computer. Many so-called Christians just huddle behind the closed doors of their little social club called church where they are fed non-offensive, socially-acceptable pulpit platitudes by priests, ministers and pastors who are paid to lull their congregants to sleep. Such Christians are happy with their "abundant life", and everyone singing "God Bless America". Tragically, many of them don't have a clue regarding what it means to truly serve the living God. God needs active witnesses and not people who just like to play church.

As I more amply explain in the lengthy series called "Endtime Witnessing: Winning the Sheep and Waging the Warfare!", there are many different methods one can use to share the Good News of Salvation. They are only limited by your own imagination, and your personal level of motivation to get out there and do

it. In my case, I write articles, compose Bible-based poetry, and create computer graphics. However, your talents and gifts may be different from mine, so just do what works for you. As I explain in the aforementioned series, our Salvation is a gift of God, which we freely receive through the Sacrifice of Jesus Christ. However, Heavenly Rewards are a separate issue, and are only given to those people who are faithful to do the Lord's Work after they've accepted the Lord into their lives. So the choice is really yours. Are you going to selfishly continue to lay up your treasures on Earth in contradiction to the Lord's teachings; or are you going to serve the Lord? Consider the following verses:

"For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works."
Matthew 16:27, KJV

"Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour. For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building."
1 Corinthians 3:8-9, KJV

"And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ."
Colossians 3:23-24, KJV

". . . I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works."
Revelation 2:23b, KJV

"And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."
Revelation 14:13, KJV

"And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works."
Revelation 20:12-13, KJV

"And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be."
Revelation 22:12, KJV

"If thou sayest, Behold, we knew it not; doth not he that pondereth the heart consider it? and he that keepeth thy soul, doth not he know it? and shall not he render to every man according to his works?"
Proverbs 24:12, KJV

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We Need To Forsake All, Die Daily And Present Our Bodies As Living Sacrifices Before The Lord, Dying Daily Requires Real Humility, Defining True Humility, Our Troublesome Rebellious Flesh, Old Man Versus The New Man, God's Spirit Working In Us, God Desires Voluntary Submission And Not Blind Obedience, We Must Bring Our Bodies Into Subjection, Run With Patience The Race That Is Set Before Us, Daily Service And Not Just Weekend Rituals, Do Not Be Like The Selfish Shepherds Of Ancient Israel, Modern Greedy Money-Making Bible Hucksters, The Non-Offensive Unsatisfying "Lite" Gospel, Filthy Lucre, False Abundant Life Doctrine, Materialism And Warning To Church At Laodicea, Freely Share Our Spiritual Riches With Others, The Widow's Mite, One Body But With Many Different Members And Ministries, Don't Have A Boastful Attitude, Lame Man At The Temple Gate, Peter Helped Based On His Ability, Do What You Can With What You've Got, Don't Worry About Opinions

In light of everything which I have shared with you in this series, I hope that you now realize that it is time for all of us to stop being so selfish with our time and with our lives, and to stop selfishly doing our own thing. We each need to begin doing more to die to ourselves, and to our own selfish wants and desires, and do more for the Lord and His Heavenly Kingdom. As Jesus and the Apostle Paul explain in the following verses, we need to forsake all, die daily, and present our bodies and lives as living sacrifices before the Lord, so that He can use us in whatever fashion He deems to be most appropriate for each of us. As Jesus prayed to His Father in the Garden of Gethsemane, "not my will, but thine, be done." -- Luke 22:42:

"I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily."
1 Corinthians 15:31, KJV

"And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it."
Luke 9:23-24, KJV

"So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple."
Luke 14:33, KJV

"For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it."
Mark 8:35, KJV

"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. 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."
Romans 12:1-2, KJV

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."
Galatians 2:20, KJV

"But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world."
Galatians 6:14, KJV

"Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren."
1 John 3:16, KJV

It takes real humility to die to ourselves that others might live; but this is what the Lord requires of His servants. As I explain in the series entitled "So You Really Think You Are So Humble?", true humility is not pretending to be humble in the sight of men; it is submitting ourselves to God's Will in our lives, exactly as Jesus did. As we have seen through the previous verses, that means forsaking what we want to do, and doing what He desires for us to do. It is not always easy, but the rewards will be great.

If we are truly filled with God's love, and not just love for ourselves, how can we not endeavor to reach His precious lost sheep in some way? As I mentioned in part two, there are many different ways in which we can be effective witnesses of our faith. You just need to find out what works for you, and then be faithful with it. In the previous verses, the Apostle Paul says that we need to present our bodies as living sacrifices, and Jesus says that we need to take up our cross daily. They are not referring to an actual sacrifice, such as when one sacrifices an animal on an altar. Neither are they referring to being literally crucified on a wooden cross. Rather, they are referring to giving ourselves in daily service to the Lord in some way. They are referring to submitting our wills and our lives to the Will of God.

As I said, sometimes it is not easy. Our flesh can be quite rebellious. Oh, it is tired. It is sleepy. It is hungry. It does not feel like working for the Lord today. It aches. It wants to watch a movie. It wants to go out and do this, that or the other. I am very familiar with these things, because I have been engaged in witnessing for the Lord for more than four decades now. I know what excuses we like to make for ourselves, so that we can weasel our way out of doing God's

Work. You see, it is just the old self trying to dictate to us what we should be doing with our time and our lives. But as God's Word informs us, the new man of the Spirit must prevail, and overcome the weaknesses of the old man of the flesh, as we see by the following verses:

"Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin."
Romans 6:6, KJV

"For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not."
Romans 7:18, KJV

"That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;"
Ephesians 4:22, KJV

"Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;"
Colossians 3:9, KJV

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."
2 Corinthians 5:17, KJV

"And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness."
Ephesians 4:24, KJV

"And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:"
Colossians 3:10, KJV

Thankfully, we do not have to do it alone. We have help; and that is God's Spirit working in us, and through us, as we see by the following verse:

"For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure."
Philippians 2:13, KJV

So as you can see, God will place His desires in us; but then we have to decide to yield ourselves to His Will for our lives. We can either choose to continue to live our selfish lives, or else we can voluntarily bend the knee. It is my understanding that normally, God will not force us to do His Will. He wants us to do it because we love Him, and for no other reason. He desires voluntary submission, and not merely blind obedience. After all, if it was a matter of us just being obedient robots, then the game could have been over at any time long ago. God could have just put down His thumb; but He didn't, and He hasn't; at least not yet. The day may come when that will suddenly change, so watch out.

I will be quite honest with you. Now, more than ever, as I grow older, it is becoming even more of a challenge for me to sit in this chair day after day, week after week, month after month, and year after year, ministering to the Lord's

online sheep. My flesh can't handle as much abuse as it used to. My back aches. My eyes start to burn. My mind repeatedly wanders so that I have to reread things over and over again, and then my brain fries because I have pushed myself so hard to where I can hardly even think straight. It requires a lot of self-discipline on my part, and I don't always have it; but I continue to do what I can -- albeit at a much slower rate -- by His Grace. As the Apostle Paul informs us in the following set of verses, we need to let our flesh know who is the boss, we need to bring it into subjection, and we need to run with patience the race that is set before us:

"Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway."

1 Corinthians 9:24-27, KJV

"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us. Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith: who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds."

Hebrews 12:1-3, KJV

"Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 3:13-14, KJV

"Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain."

Philippians 2:16, KJV

"For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

2 Timothy 4:6-8, KJV

"Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?"

Galatians 5:7, KJV

So as we learned earlier, we need to die daily and bear our symbolic cross for the Lord. We need to offer ourselves in sacrificial service to His Kingdom. Please notice that both Jesus and Paul used the word "daily". There is no mention

whatsoever of weekend service, as if that could really be enough to satisfy the Lord. God desires daily service from us, and not just spiritually-dead weekend rituals where we go through the motions of being Christians.

Think about this for a moment. If we are not willing to serve the Lord in some capacity, and share our knowledge of His Word with those people who are spiritually hungry and desire to hear it, then we are just as guilty as the fat, selfish shepherds of ancient Israel, who the Lord prophesied against in Ezekiel chapter thirty-four. As you can plainly see by the following set of verses, those shepherds fed themselves and abused the sheep, and the Lord was not happy with them in the least:

"Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD unto the shepherds; Woe be to the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! should not the shepherds feed the flocks? Ye eat the fat, and ye clothe you with the wool, ye kill them that are fed: but ye feed not the flock. The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up that which was broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them. And they were scattered, because there is no shepherd: and they became meat to all the beasts of the field, when they were scattered. My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea, my flock was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek after them. Therefore, ye shepherds, hear the word of the LORD; As I live, saith the Lord GOD, surely because my flock became a prey, and my flock became meat to every beast of the field, because there was no shepherd, neither did my shepherds search for my flock, but the shepherds fed themselves, and fed not my flock; Therefore, O ye shepherds, hear the word of the LORD; Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against the shepherds; and I will require my flock at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding the flock; neither shall the shepherds feed themselves any more; for I will deliver my flock from their mouth, that they may not be meat for them."

Ezekiel 34:2-10, KJV

Those ancient shepherds of Israel were a lot like many of these modern-day money-making Bible hucksters who fleece God's children of their hard-earned cash with all of their smooth prosperity preaching. Instead of feeding God's sheep, they are stealing from them. Even worse, from what I have been told, some of those false shepherds barely even quote the Word. They are a lot like all of the "lite" food and "diet" food which has become so popular in recent decades. Such false prosperity preachers offer a lot of talk, but very little real substance. They promote a "lite" Gospel which offends no one, but which likewise does not feed anyone spiritually as well. Once again, it just plain old selfishness.

As I explain in a few other articles, such as "Abundant Life Doctrine: Scripturally Exposed!", God's Word very clearly warns us that the Lord's servants are not supposed to profit

financially from preaching the Gospel. It is okay to accept donations from people who desire to support the ministry of their own free volition, but it is quite another thing for a Bible preacher to outright charge people money before he is willing to preach the Gospel to them. The Bible refers to this wicked practice as "filthy lucre", as we see by the following set of verses:

"Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous . . . Likewise must the deacons be grave, not doubletongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre;"
1 Timothy 3:3, 8, KJV

"For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre . . . Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake."
Titus 1:7, 11, KJV

"Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;"
1 Peter 5:2, KJV

Just so there is no misunderstanding, according to Thayer's Greek English Lexicon, the phrase "filthy lucre" refers to being eager to acquire base gain, or being greedy for money. It is derived from the Koine Greek word "aischrokerdes". The Apostle Paul uses this word four times in his Epistles, and the Apostle Peter uses it once. As Jesus warns us in John chapter ten:

"The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."
John 10:10, KJV

As I point out in the aforementioned article, Jesus was not talking about a selfish, earthly life of affluence. After all, such an interpretation of the previous verse totally contradicts all of the verses I shared with you in part two. Jesus is not going to tell us that we need to forsake all and take up our cross daily, and then suddenly turn around and say "Oops! Sorry boys. I goofed. Rake in the dough! Let's live it up!"

The fact of the matter is that in saying "that they might have it more abundantly", Jesus was speaking primarily about spiritual abundance. He was talking about laying up eternal treasures in Heaven, and not on Earth. More specifically, He was talking about the coming Gift of Eternal Life, which all of us would have the capacity to receive, once He fulfilled His Mission on the Cross. This life would be so abundant in nature, that it would in fact be eternal, and you certainly can't beat that.

Sadly, as the previous verses regarding filthy lucre reveal, even before the First Century had ended, some of the early Christian congregations were alright getting sidetracked by materialistic living. Consider the stiff warning that the

Lord issued to the Church at Laodicea by way of the Apostle John. It sounds just like modern Roman Catholicism and many other religions which pride themselves in their wealth, power, influence and their ornate buildings:

"And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent."
Revelation 3:14-19, KJV

Contrary to how these modern false religions operate, and contrary to what these prosperity preachers preach with their "Give me, give me!" attitude, as the previous verses in part two make abundantly clear, Jesus never instructed us to selfishly hoard personal wealth. One cannot forsake all and hoard wealth at the same time. It is impossible. Jesus told us to do the exact opposite. He taught us to share our riches, whether they are physical or spiritual in nature. Of course, the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and the Salvation which it offers, is the most valuable treasure that we possess; so let's share it freely. Consider the following verses:

"Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give."
Matthew 10:8, KJV

"Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again."
Luke 6:38, KJV

Rather than acting and living selfishly as so many people in this world do, it is in giving of ourselves, in sharing our time and our lives through witnessing to others and feeding God's sheep, and even by sharing our physical possessions whenever it is within our power to do so, that the Lord will bless us in return. Not only that, but He will multiply what we do have, just as He did with the fishes and the loaves in the Gospels, and just as He did for the widow of Zarephath by way of the Prophet Elijah. You may recall the story that Jesus shared in the Gospels regarding the poor widow who was blessed more than the others, because she gave of the little that she had, whereas the others only gave a small portion of their abundance. Allow me to share the story with you:

"And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much. And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing. And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say

unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury: For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living."

Mark 12:41-44, KJV

Let me just mention here that God uses different people in different ways. As I more amply explain in other articles, we are all different members of the same Body of Christ. We each have our place in God's Kingdom, and in His Church here on the Earth. We don't all have the same ministries, or even the same means to help others. Consider the following verses:

"For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another."

Romans 12:4-5, KJV

"For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread."

1 Corinthians 10:17, KJV

"For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit . . . But now are they many members, yet but one body . . . Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular. And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues. Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles? Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?"

1 Corinthians 12-13, 20, 27-30, KJV

"But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;"

Ephesians 2:13-19, KJV

"Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all . . . And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a

perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ . . . From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love."

Ephesians 4:3-6, 11-13, 16, KJV

"And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful."

Colossians 3:15, KJV

"Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."

1 Corinthians 1:10, KJV

My point in sharing these verses with you is this: I have noticed that there are certain Christians who seem to have a propensity for becoming a bit proud, and even self-righteous, because of the particular way in which they serve the Lord. They like to boast of how they are feeding and clothing the poor. They like to brag about how much money they donate to their church or to some other worthy cause. They incessantly boast about their prison ministry. They like to broadcast how many souls they have won to the Lord. And on and on it goes. My friends, there is no blessing and no reward in such proud boasting. What did Jesus say in the Gospels? Consider this and be wise:

"Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven. Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly."

Matthew 6:1-4, KJV

I am also reminded of the incident involving the lame man which occurred at the temple gate called Beautiful in the third chapter of the Book of Acts. Let me share it with you, and then we will draw one particular lesson from it:

"And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple; Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms. And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us. And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them. Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God. And all the people saw him walking and praising God: And they knew that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple:

and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him."

Acts 3:2-10, KJV

Let me draw your attention to what Peter said to this man. The lame man was obviously very poor. When Peter and John stopped to look at him, the lame man assumed that they were going to give him alms; that is, some money. However, to his surprise, rather than give him money, Peter said "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee." You see, Peter was poor too. He had forsaken his fishing business at the Lord's command, and so he had very little to offer this man in the way of money. However, Peter did have something which that poor man sorely needed; and that was to be healed of his affliction. Thus, by the creative power of the Holy Spirit, Peter reached down in faith and healed that man.

Do you understand the lesson that I am conveying here? Not all of us have the means to feed the poor, or to clothe the people who need it, or to visit prisons, or to donate large sums of money to a local church or to some worthy charity, or to stand up in a huge stadium and preach to thousands of people and win souls by the boatloads. My friends, that is not important. If God wanted you to be doing that, then He would provide the means for you to do it. All you need to be concerned about is doing what you can do with what you have. That is exactly what Peter did.

If all you can do is share your faith with another family member, or perhaps with a friend, then by all means do it. If you are doing what you can with what you've got, if you are being faithful in your own sphere of influence, then personally, I am convinced that the Lord is pleased with you. That being the case, don't ever allow other proud, self-righteous Christians make you feel bad, make you feel as if you are less than they are, or convince you that you are not being used by the Lord. Such condemnation does not come from the Lord. It is of the Devil. Remember: one Body with many members and many different responsibilities.

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Of course, as we learned earlier in this series, there is another side to this coin. If you are just living selfishly like everyone else in the world, and never letting your spiritual light shine before men, such as by sharing the Word of God with those you know and meet, or by extending a helping hand to others when it is within your power to do so, then I don't think that the Lord will be very pleased with you. I am reminded of Jesus' Parable regarding the unfaithful steward who foolishly buried his one talent in the ground, and did not bother to invest it in the Lord's Work as he should have done. Consider the following verses:

"For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey . . . But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money . . . After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them . . . Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed: And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine. His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed: Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury. Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents. For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath. And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Matthew 25:14-15, 18-19, 24-30, KJV

As a child of the King, and a child of the Light, I truly hope that you are not like that unfaithful servant who was ashamed to preach the Gospel, and who thus hid his talent in the ground. I pray that you are letting your light so shine before men, that they are seeing your good works in the Lord, and that they are glorifying your Father in Heaven. I also pray that you are more concerned with what God thinks of you, than you are with what others may possibly think of you. Let me share some additional Bible verses with you:

"Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matthew 5:14-16, KJV

"No man, when he hath lighted a candle, putteth it in a secret place, neither under a bushel, but on a candlestick, that they which come in may see the light. The light of the body is the eye: therefore when thine eye is single, thy

whole body also is full of light; but when thine eye is evil, thy body also is full of darkness. Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness. If thy whole body therefore be full of light, having no part dark, the whole shall be full of light, as when the bright shining of a candle doth give thee light."
Luke 11:33-36, KJV

"And the lord commended the unjust steward, because he had done wisely: for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light."
Luke 16:8, KJV

"While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light. These things spake Jesus, and departed, and did hide himself from them."
John 12:36, KJV

"Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children . . . For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light . . . And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them."
Ephesians 5:1, 8, 11, KJV

"That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;"
Philippians 2:15, KJV

"But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness."
1 Thessalonians 5:4-5, KJV

If you are currently backslidden from the Lord, and have been slothful and unfaithful in the affairs of the Kingdom, please know that it is never too late to repent. Just like the father in the Parable of the Prodigal Son in Luke 15, your Heavenly Father is patiently waiting with outstretched arms, and hoping that you will soon come to your senses and return home to Him. Will you? All you have to do is forsake your pride, admit that you have been wrong, and humbly take your place again in the King's Army.

On the other hand, if you insist on continuing to live your fruitless, selfish life, and if you are more concerned with what people think of you, and have no desire to get back up on the wall of service to the Lord, then I advise you to take careful heed to the following verses as well:

"And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."
Daniel 12:2-3, KJV

"Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny

before my Father which is in heaven."
Matthew 10:32-33, KJV

"Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."
Mark 8:38, KJV

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."
Romans 1:16, KJV

"For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."
2 Timothy 1:12, KJV

"For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren,"
Hebrews 2:11, KJV

"But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city."
Hebrews 11:16, KJV

With that sobering message, I will bring this series to its conclusion. I hope it has been a blessing and an inspiration in your life; and I pray that it will motivate you to do more for the Lord while there still remains time to do so.

If you happen to have a user account with Facebook, Twitter or Google+, I would also very much appreciate if you would take the time to click on the corresponding link that is found on this page. Thanks so much, and may God bless you abundantly!

For additional information, I encourage you to study the list of reading resources below which were also mentioned in this series, or which are related to this series, and which are likewise located on the Endtime Prophecy Net web server:

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