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“And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one (a certain ruler-Luke 18:18) running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life? And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God. Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honour thy father and mother. And he answered and said unto him, Master, all these have I observed from my youth. Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me. And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions.!” (Mark 10:17-22)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I have listed the Scripture above because Jesus was dealing with money. He wasn't requesting to receive any but instead instructed this certain ruler to give all to someone else (the poor) instead of His own ministry, take up his cross and follow Him. I do not know many of today who would instruct an individual to give their money away before joining and following their ministry. Jesus understood that His ministry did not need money; it needed hands and feet. Hands and feet without the luggage of carnal possessions! If this one who approached Jesus would have been allowed to join Jesus with his great wealth he would have brought along with him what we view today: a beautiful church structure without a cross and without the true presence of God and love for lost souls! A true ministry of God is seeking helpers bearing a cross not a lifestyle of lust for prosperity as was Judas who held the bag but was a thief. *“This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein.” (John 12:6)*

The qualifications for gaining eternal life lies within the demands according to God's perspective for a life and not with any human reasoning! Prosperity of today's church has done more to corrupt a believer's relationship and usefulness to the work of God than recognized sinful practices. *“And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word, And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.” (Mark 4:18-19)* Unfruitful Christians are individuals who claim eternal life but their fruits expose they are being led by some force other than the Good Master mentioned in Mark 10! Obedience to the instructions of the Good Master will lead a soul out of and away from a lifestyle not acceptable to the demands of a holy God recorded in His Holy Word! Neither this ministry nor this writer will be your judge when the end

comes and I assure you your end will come and you will face the Good Master and give account of your obedience to His commandments!

Brother M. A. Daoud related to me about a wealthy individual he had never met from Oklahoma who started supporting this ministry with large contributions acquired through oil production. The contributions increased to where the individual telephoned Brother Daoud and stated the amount was so large he wanted to personally present it to him. When they met for the first time personally Brother Daoud learned that the individual was living in open sin so he refused to accept the contribution and the man went away sorrowful. Brother Daoud stated to be cautious of what you knowingly let in the door and what is following behind it. When you have the presence of God why allow something to enter and destroy it. No, it is not that they are evil but the love of money and its prestige will cause the Spirit of God to depart. Talent, music and money do not bring the presence of God: repentance and obedience to His word (holiness) bring the smile, approval and attendance of God. What more could sinful man desire and attain?

I have shared with you information of the revival in Madagascar and how they have grown to over 300 congregations. The June Thank You letter showed the main church so crowded that there was no room around the church and the road leading to the church was packed. Please pray for this work as they are as vulnerable as any and the devil is no doubt working to infiltrate, disrupt and destroy with the deceitfulness of riches what is taking place in Madagascar.

We in America have seen the decline of the church and how human decisions, family influence, entertainment and talent have replaced the leadership of God in many ministries. History repeats itself over and over again because man becomes impatient waiting on God and monetary things allure them away from the most precious commodity a human soul can possess. They compare themselves to the world and believe they are safe but neglect the Word of God and its demands of holy living all the way to the end! Your judgements may seem religious and your decisions may appear to you as good but who directed them and where is it leading you and those you are responsible for? You may believe you are blessed of God but consider the children of Israel in the wilderness. Just because you are in the camp and God answers your prayer does not mean He is pleased with your direction! You may receive and be pleased with what you asked for but regret later what you ended up with. An individual who has gone after the riches of this world has proven to God to not be fit to be in charge of a ministry! *“And he gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul.”* (Psalms 106:15) The Christian walk is not nor has it ever been an easy pathway but a narrow and lonely one! Many called of God get detoured and walk the carnal path listening to self, wife, children, or other humans and not the Spirit. Human reasoning leads to human decisions and human decisions leads to sin! *“And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.”* (Genesis 5:24) Stay walking with God until He comes for you!

*“Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? **And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.**”* (Matthew 7:13-23)

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