Scripture of the Quarter

"But seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."

Matthew 6:33 (NKJV)

Are You Asleep or Are You Awake?

In this quarterly newsletter, the Lord woke me at 4:02 A.M. on Wednesday, May 2, 2012, with this information on relationships. We all know how important relationships are in our lives today. For those of us who are married or are thinking of marriage, relationship is a very important factor. When you first met your future wife, and began dating, it took awhile before you became familiar with her and entered into a relationship with her. As time went by your love and understanding grew of the things she enjoyed and needed in her life. Now it was not that you knew about her, as before, but now you knew her on a personal level. This allowed you to develop a personal relationship with her. And as your love grew you asked, for her hand in marriage, as you did not want to be without her in your life!

Now, I would like to talk about two types of relationships we have in our lives today. One is vertical (straight up and down) pertaining to Jesus Christ and the Kingdom of God. The other is horizontal (side to side) things of the world. The vertical is controlled by Jesus Christ and the horizontal is controlled by Satan, who tries to distract you from your personal relationship with Jesus. The devil knows his time is very, very, short. In John 10:10 (NKJV) we read; "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may

have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." How comforting to know Jesus wants us to have life and not death, and to live our life in abundance. We know that the thief that Jesus was talking about is Satan. The most important thing in our lives today should be our PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.

Matthew 6:33^a (NKJV) says it all; **SEEK** FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS! How can we live in abundance? If we follow the instructions Jesus gave us in Matthew 6:33 we will have life in abundance. You may be asking, how can I experience this abundance in my life? The Lord gives us His instructions in Matthew 22:37 (NKJV) "You SHALL love the Lord your God with ALL your heart, with ALL your soul, and with ALL your mind." I want to point out something very important in this verse, notice I have underlined the word all. You can not have one foot in the world and the other in the Kingdom of God. There is another wonderful scripture in the Word of God which proves my point. 1 Corinthians 10:21 (NKJV) says; "You CAN NOT drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you CAN NOT partake of the Lord's Table and of the table of demons."

Another scripture from God's Holy Word, which will help keep our focus on

Jesus, is found in Matthew 6:19-21 (NKJV). (19) "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; (20) but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. (21) For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." I would like to share one more scripture which will help us keep our focus on Jesus and His Kingdom.

In Romans 12:2 (NKJV) we read "And <u>DO</u> <u>NOT BE CONFORMED</u> to this world. But be <u>TRANSFORMED</u> by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that <u>GOOD AND ACCEPTABLE AND PERFECT WILL OF GOD."</u>

Now I would like to talk about the horizontal relationship which is of the world and ruled by Satan. Satan uses many distractions in our life to take our focus off of Jesus and His Kingdom. Some of the things he uses are our jobs, hobbies, friends, computers, and television. Now I know some of you are saying, "Well, I have to work to earn a living!" You are right! What I'm talking about is the person who spends more time at work, than at home and with his family. We all know people like this. We used to be like this ourselves and we have paid the price for our sin. For it is written in Galatians 6:7 (NKJV) "Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap." It is great to have goals, don't misunderstand what I'm saying. There is another scripture to guide us in this situation where you put work before Christ and your family. Matthew 16:26 (NKJV) reads; "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?"

We live in a secular world society which teaches "Be all YOU Can Be!" It is all about YOU and what YOU can do. Notice there is no mention of Jesus Christ and what He can do for you. How Jesus can change your life and give you peace that NO Man can give you. It is great to have achievements in your life, but we must remember, we are all going to stand in front of Jesus Christ and be judged. It is written in 2 Corinthians 5:10 (NKJV) "For we must all appear before the <u>JUDGMENT</u> SEAT OF CHRIST, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, WHETHER GOOD OR BAD."

I personally strive to do things which enhance God's Kingdom, over every other thing in my life. I have heard many people say this when I ask them if they have accepted Christ as their personal Savior; "No, but I'm a good person, I don't hurt anyone, and I help people all the time. I'm good to go when Jesus comes." WRONG! Satan has fooled so many people into thinking this way. But what does the Bible say?

In Acts 4:12 (NKJV) we read, "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." This name is JESUS THE SON OF GOD! The name of Muhammad, Buddha, Baal, or any other false prophets and gods can't save you and besides they are all dead. JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD is the ONLY ONE who can save you. Satan has deceived so many people today. Some he has deceived call themselves Christians. The Bible warns us about this in 1 Timothy 4:1 (NKJV) "Now the Spirit expressly, says that in **LATTER TIMES** some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons."

Here is another scripture from God's Holy Word which will help us keep our focus on Jesus. In 1 John 2:15-17 (NKJV) we read; (15) "Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him." (16) "For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the

pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world." (17) "And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever."

Simply put, if you put other things in your life first and make Jesus second in your life, you are in trouble. The above scripture makes it clear Jesus should come first. I would like to make a statement here; "God is not a second hand God." Some Christians go to church on Sunday, take Jesus out of the box they have Him in, and then when they get home they put Him back in the box, and set Him up on the shelf and don't take Him out again until next Sunday. This statement may upset some of you who read this newsletter, but remember the truth will set you free. The question is, are you awake or are you sleeping? Jesus is coming soon for His church in an event called the Rapture. This event is reserved for FAITHFUL OVERCOMERS.

In a previous newsletter, I covered the Rapture and who would go and who would remain. Some have been taught that everyone that calls themselves Christians will go in the Rapture. But the parable of Jesus proves **THIS TEACHING** is incorrect, you can read it for yourself in Matthew **chapter 25**. This parable talks about five wise virgins and five foolish virgins. Remember they were all virgins, but not all went when the bridegroom came. I implore you read this parable. Again if you have any questions please call the number on the newsletter 214-766-8019. Jesus said this in Matthew 5:27-28 (NKJV) (27) "You have heard it said" (28) "BUT I TELL YOU." So the question is, Are you going to believe what a man said, or what Jesus said? Jesus said in Luke 21:36 (NKJV) "WATCH therefore, and PRAY ALWAYS, THAT YOU MAY BE COUNTED WORTHY TO **ESCAPE ALL THESE THINGS** that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Sheree and I pray, when you read our newsletter it will help you do a self examination as to where you are in Christ. The good news is that you have time, since Jesus hasn't come for His Church in the Rapture. When you watch the nightly news and see all the things going on in the

world, you must realize, we are living in the last days before the Tribulation begins. Here is another scripture from the Word of God to prove to you, who doubt we are living in the Last Days. 2 Timothy 3:1-5 (NKJV) reads; "But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: (2) For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, (3) unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, (4) traitors headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, (5) having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!"



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We give JESUS all the glory hallelujah!

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