

course of these activities, we are to remain faithful to one another and to deny ourselves what the world uses to entice us away from God. Parents must be a steward to their children, (Proverbs 22:6); children must be stewards in honoring their mother and father, (Ephesians 6:2, Exodus 20:12) and the Bride of Christ must be both stewards and testifiers of God's words. "He that followeth.....findeth life.....and honor". (Proverbs 21:21)

To test our stewardship and the level of honor we employ to fulfill these duties, we must examine whether or not our actions are based in truth, thus contain no deceit, and that we serve only one master; our Heavenly Father. (Matthew 6:24, Luke 16:13) 2 Samuel 15:21 describes these attributes in what Itlal said to the king: ".....surely in what place may lord the king shall be, whether in death or life, even there will thy servant be." This tells us that we must not be found dishonoring God's words or what God has given us even when faced with pain, loss and disappointment.

Honoring God requires that we monitor our level of honor and loyalty toward those to whom God has asked us to pledge our fealty because the Adam-like nature feeds us a false level of comfort (justification) when our actions bring harm. Whether we interact with a spouse, a child, a friend, a parent, our bearers of blessing or in any godly endeavor, nothing should supersede the word of God or what He has ordained to help us become worthy. In 2 Samuel 18:12 we read: "Though I should receive a thousand shekels of silver in mine hand, yet would I not put forth mine hand against the king's son". We must not "put forth our hand" to harm one another.



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WATCH, LEARN, BEWARE

We read more and more about, and concurrent all over the world, that earthquakes and floods, famine and pestilence, wars and civil disobedience, and the persecution of Christians has been occurring. Scripture warns that during these times what is right will be deemed wrong and what is wrong will be deemed right, that brother will fight brother, children will turn against their parents, and our love for one another will diminish. When these events occur we can rest assured that we are living in the end times and Christian values and testimony will be met with disdain. Though it is the time when Christ will soon return, it will be a dangerous era for the children of God as Satan will attack with power and venom. He will bring pain and fear and great disappointments, and doubt to God's children. But God asks us to stay strong and warns us of what is to come.

The End Times are the era when Satan's lies will have convinced much of the world to condone and encourage doing whatever makes one happy and to live life on the premise that one needs not be burdened by what scripture tells us. Even our mental health counselors will feel that it is "healthy" to allow our own desires to take precedent over God's statutes. Many will lose interest in learning what scripture tells them and be lost for their lack of knowledge. This marks the final struggle between the Adam-like or selfish nature of man and

of knowledge. This marks the final struggle between the Adam-like or selfish nature of man and the Christ-like self-sacrificing nature of those God wants for His kingdom.

Despite the times through which we must live, we have the promise that our Heavenly Father and the grace Christ provided for us will see us through. God has taught His children, through scripture, to understand what will occur during these times. God wants to help us hold onto the truth and the purity of His statutes. He will keep His hand over His children, and offer comfort through grace and the Holy Spirit. However, God, bound by His own rules of righteousness, must allow Satan this last opportunity to break our faith, while we must work to remain faithful and must learn God's words to have what we need to combat Satan's deceptions.

A beautiful example of a faithful heart can be found in Ruth 1:16-17 when, after the death of her husband, Ruth told her mother-in-law: "...wither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God." Ruth's commitment not only proclaimed her loyalty to her mother-in-law but also demonstrated the honor with which she would continue in their relationship. When Ruth spoke those words and then lived them, God Himself rewarded her for her faithfulness.

Ruth's pledge of allegiance to her mother-in-law is the same commitment which God asks of each of His children and be the criteria through which we will all be tested. The world tells us that God's standards are "old fashioned", that they are "not applicable to today's needs" and that we are not compassionate if we hold true to the standards which God asks of us. Therefore, those who believe these satanic lies find justification through their Adam-like nature for what they "choose" to

do rather than what God asks them to do. The children of God who have succumbed to this behavior will wonder why they encounter the same type of problem over and over again and why they cannot break the patterns which plague them. Setting priorities and meeting the standards by which God asks us to live is the only way we can avoid these devastating patterns, break the chain which binds us, and learn how to be found worthy.

It is Satan who inspires the rise of our Adam-like nature which justifies selfish desires and allows one to dishonor God's admonitions. It is a "lack of knowledge" (Hosea 4:6) which supports the Adam-like nature. We must also understand that Satan usually offers a "payment" for betraying God's statutes and breaking the trust God placed in us. We may break that trust for financial gain, personal gratification or... it may be something very inconsequential. But the bottom line is that the decision to bring harm to our relationship with God or with God's children occurs because we desire to receive something we want even if it must be through a dishonorable act.

During these end times, our Adam-like nature will desire to dictate the terms of our loyalty to God and His directives. This is to allow our self indulgence to direct us to act as we please. Thus we justify our betrayals whether they be against God, His words, or against other children of God. It brings the destruction of trust and... it is we who arbitrarily decide when or under what circumstance we are "allowed" to be disloyal rather than follow what God says. Sadly we also lose our honor when we make these choices and ultimately we hurt ourselves.

An honorable person is defined as one whose good name brings respect and trust. Honor is measured by our actions, by how faithful, loyal, and steadfast we are, and by what lines we will not cross. It is measured in the remorse we feel when we disappoint God and those we love. But it is also

measured by how willing we are to flee evil and to stand firm for what God asks of us even when those we love become those who attack these principles.

God, in His perfect righteousness, cannot allow any evil to enter the kingdom of heaven. Thus those who betray God's trust are severely affected. When Judas betrayed Jesus, it was the loss of his honor through which Satan could cause him to commit suicide. Judas understood that Christ could have saved Himself from anything which Judas could do to him and that despite what Judas had done, Jesus loved him and would not condemn him. Judas recognized that he had dishonored the trust and stewardship which Christ had placed in him; that he'd allowed Satan the opening which destroyed the treasure Christ had offered him. Judas was even pre-warned of this temptation, yet did not stop what he wanted to do. Judas had "justified" his behavior.

Joshua 1:16-18 tells us, "...and withersoever thou sendest us, we will go" and points out the steadfast, loyal, and honorable nature of Joshua's army. Acting with honor builds relationships and self esteem. It demonstrates that we can be trusted. It cleanses the heart so that the Holy Spirit can live in us and bring us comfort when we are under satanic attack... even when these attacks come from someone we love who is directed by Satan. Our stewardship over what God has given us requires that we protect it. The word "steward" is defined as one who manages, supervises, and is responsible for that which he has charge over; it is therefore a position of trust. We must, at all times be "stewards" of God's statutes

1 Corinthians 4:2 tells us: "Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man is found faithful." Every child of God is a steward. Every child of God is responsible for learning God's words, keeping His statutes, loving those God loves, and sharing God's words with others. We must be testifiers. In the