Pastor Ron Case 11/25/12

"Strategic Reserves" (4)

"Precious treasure and oil are in a wise man's dwelling, but a foolish man devours it." (Proverbs 21:20)

Stockpiling Strategies:

(1) Die-Hard Discipline – (10/28/12); (2) Fervent Faith – (11/4/12)

(3) Abiding in Christ

Abide – *Meno* – To Stay, Remain in a given place, state or relation

<u>John 15:4-6</u> – (4) "<u>Abide in me</u>, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you <u>abide in me</u>. (5) I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever <u>abides in me</u> and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. (6) If anyone does not <u>abide in me</u> he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned."

Antichrist Opposition

<u>1 John 2:18-19, 27-28</u> – (18) "Children, it is the last hour, and as you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come. Therefore we know that it is the last hour. (19) They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us. (27) But the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about everything—and is true and is no lie, just as it has taught you—abide in him. (28) And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming."

Key Point – Those Who Remain will not be Ashamed

Response:

Leave...

"By faith (*Moses*) left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible." (Hebrews 11:27)

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<u>holding fast</u> to the Head (*Jesus*), from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together...grows with a growth that is from God." (Colossians 2:19)

"A Picture of the Planted"

"The righteous flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar in Lebanon. They are planted in the house of the LORD; they flourish in the courts of our God. They still bear fruit in old age; they are ever full of sap and green" (Psalm 92:12-14)



Questions:

What impacted me the most in this message? Am I rooting down deeply, or am I volatile and variable in relation to Jesus? (Ps. 92:12-15; Eph. 4:14; Mark 4:17) Am I unstable in regards to Jesus? (Gen. 49:4; James 1:6-8)

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)

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