

# EXHORTATIONS FROM THE FATHER

## ["Reflections" Of The Father's Heart]

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\* "Ministry" in the midst of many areas in the church at large is "rife" with worldly principles - principles that are rooted and grounded in the darkened wisdom of the present "world system". In this most critical and glorious hour, it is of the utmost importance for My children to fix their eyes on the "things above" and NOT the things below - for where one "fixes" [*focuses*] their gaze [*heart*] will SURELY determine their destination [*either righteous positioning in My Kingdom through obedience or unrighteous positioning in the "world" through disobedience*].

"**rife**" - of common or frequent occurrence; prevalent; in widespread existence, activity, or use:

"**specious**" - apparently good or right, but actually not so; pleasing or attractive in appearance, but deceptive;

*.... "Beware of anyone getting hold of you by means of a theosophy which is "specious" [make ] on the lines of human tradition, corresponding to the elemental spirits of the world and not to Christ".... Colossians 2:8 The Moffat Translation*

*.... "As you have therefore received Christ, [even] Jesus the Lord, [so] walk (regulate your lives and conduct yourselves) in union with and conformity to Him. Have the roots [of your being] firmly and deeply planted [in Him, fixed and founded in Him], being continually built up in Him, becoming increasingly more confirmed and established in the faith, just as you were taught, and abounding and overflowing in it with thanksgiving. See to it that no one carries you off as spoil or makes you yourselves captive by his so-called philosophy and intellectualism and vain deceit (idle fancies and plain nonsense), following human tradition (men's ideas of the material rather than the spiritual world), just crude notions following the rudimentary and elemental teachings of the universe and disregarding [the teachings of] Christ (the Messiah). For in Him the whole fullness of Deity (the Godhead) continues to dwell in bodily form [giving complete*

*expression of the divine nature]. And you are in Him, made full and having come to fullness of life [in Christ you too are filled with the Godhead--Father, Son and Holy Spirit--and reach full spiritual stature]. And He is the Head of all rule and authority [of every angelic principality and power]".... Colossians 2:6-10 The Amplified Translation*

*...."But seek [aim at and strive after] first of all His kingdom and His righteousness [His way of doing and being right]".... Matthew 6:33 The Amplified Translation*

*...."For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light [revelation]".... Matthew 6:21-22 KJV*

*...."Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind [thoughts, intellect] on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God".... Colossians 3:1-3 NASB*