## **Intoxicated?**

That which captures the eye of ones' heart will become that which directs the steps of his life for today, tomorrow and forever.

It might be something of the earth or that of the Kingdom of God

It might be something honorable and of eternal value;

Or that which has no moral value in itself but which nonetheless captures the imagination and moves the hands of the clock for he who gazes upon it.

Maybe an enterprise, a sport or hobby, or even a distracting fascination with something that was made by the hand of God.

And it might be something dark emerging from the kingdom of darkness itself.

Life is full of opportunities and testings
that reveal the affections of ones' heart;
And the only things that enrich for eternity
are those which emerge from the Kingdom of Light.
All else can be for our enjoyment
and even our refreshment
but only that which is of the Light
may be allowed to capture us.

As God spoke through His servant Paul:

"And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.

The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.

Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy.

But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts." Romans 13:11-14 nkjv

Much that is before us can become our servant, or our Master, and it matters.

Now, is the time.

Church, are we intoxicated?

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