



“And this is the commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also.” 1 John 4: 21

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Heart to Heart...

“For what will a man be profited if he gains the whole world, and forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?” (Matthew 16:26) When is the last time you slowed down and thought about this question from Jesus?

What if you gained everything you wanted, did everything you desired and could go anywhere you wanted to travel? What if you won the lottery or Publishers Clearing House? People love the thought of having money at their disposal and to be able to go freely about doing whatever they please. People strive for “things” and “externals” while the soul is left unfed and unattended. Lives become busy and filled with play. Suddenly we are met with a physical difficulty. It hits hard and many are devastated not knowing what is next. It would be good to take a few moments and inventory your life and see what you have wrapped your heart around and are striving toward.

Jesus taught that our lives are not about possessions (Luke 12:15). In fact, our lives are not about our jobs or even our children. These may be what we live for but your life consists of one thing: YOUR SOUL! Today, if you were to pass away, what would be the most important part at that moment? God will require your soul and there is no escaping that. The Almighty will call your soul into His presence to determine your eternal destination. There will be no pleas or voices heard. You will stand before the Lord with one thought: what did you profit in your life and your pursuits? Too many are selling their souls for things in this life and little importance on taking care of their souls for eternity.

You are not in control of your stay on earth. God’s word tells us that the days that we are ordained on this earth were recorded before we existed (Psalm 139:16). What if your days recorded are tomorrow? Next week? Or how about for everyone when the Lord returns?

Jesus came to save our souls, as He sees our souls as the most important part of us. When Jesus became man, His heart and soul were committed to the Father. Nothing got in His way or directed Him from eternity in mind. His death was for our soul.

What will you give in exchange for your soul? Work? A busy lifestyle? Sacrificing for things destined to perish? What if you lose your soul eternally, what have the years that you have been allowed on this earth been worth? Think about it!!!

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