



"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) Have you ever pondered what Jesus was saying and trying to get us to understand? Have you ever thought about applying this to your personal lifestyle?

What if you gained everything you always wanted? What if you did whatever you wanted and go anywhere you wanted to go? What if you won the lottery worth millions? It excites some to be able to do as they please, when they please and others would love to have unending money at their disposal. People seem to strive for things and live for externals. They wrap their lives around their wants and desires and if someone tries to hold them back, rebellion results. The worst part is the soul is left unattended. The soul is left to feed off the physical side because for some, their spiritual side has died. The real question we need to be asking is this: How much do we really value our souls?

Your soul makes choices! ***"And he said to them, 'Beware, and be on your guard against every form of greed; for not even when one has an abundance does his life consist of his possessions.'"*** (Luke 12:15) Your life does not consist of your possessions. Your life does not consist of your profession! Your life does not consist of anything created! These may be things we long for and live for but your life consists on only one thing: YOUR SOUL! ***"But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your soul is required of you; and now who will own what you have prepared?'"*** (Luke 12:20) Your soul will be required by God! He calls the soul to accountability for eternity. Every thing you have planned and wrapped you life around will be of no importance eternally. Someone else will take over what you have gathered or your position in life will be taken by another. People are daily exchanging their souls for things, possessions and professions.

Jesus came to save our souls. He laid down His life to show the value and importance of our souls. When He became man, He followed God with a whole heart knowing His soul would be required of Him. Nothing interfered with His goal and the will of God. When other things get in the way of God's purpose, it will destroy the soul and Jesus knew it! He knows us well and how easily some will trade their souls for a few years on this earth. He gave His all to save some and redeem our souls.

What are giving up for your soul? Pleasures? Work? Are we so busy with things in life that we ignore our souls and the need for the Lord? If your soul is required of you today, what will happen to you? Would you be rejoicing or fearful? Is it well with your soul? Each of us face that question and the answer we give (even if we give no answer is still an answer) will determine our eternity. Think about it!!!

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