

What Is Your Soul Worth?

Matt. 16:24-27

Introduction:

- A. The boy who stole the bar of soap.
- B. What does Jesus think your soul is worth?
 - 1. More than whole world (v. 26).
 - 2. More than any body part (Matt. 18:8).
 - 3. More than physical life (Matt. 10:28).
 - 4. Enough for Him to die for (1 Pet. 2:24-25)
- C. What would you be willing to take for your soul?
 - 1. “Nothing” – are you sure?
 - 2. Many exchange souls for far less than world, body parts, life.
 - 3. Anything that makes you unprepared for the judgment.
- D. Notice some things people possibly exchange their souls for daily.

Discussion:

I. Material Possessions.

- A. The rich young ruler (Matt. 19:22)
- B. The rich fool (Luke 12:20-21).
- C. Some not so rich.
 - 1. Shopper that lifts an item or two.
 - 2. One that lies to gain a few dollars.
 - 3. Voluntarily fails to assemble with saints for few extra dollars.
 - 4. Preachers that compromise truth to save salary.

II. Earthly Relationships.

- A. Kinships (Mark 10:35-37).
 - 1. Keeps some from becoming Christians.
 - 2. Keeps some from being faithful as Christians.
 - 3. Causes some to compromise truth (cf. Family member enters unscriptural marriage)
- B. Friendships (1 Cor. 15:33)
 - 1. Peer pressure at all ages.
 - 2. Value friendship more than truth and righteousness.
 - 3. Allow friendship to lead away from Lord rather than toward.

III. Momentary Pleasure.

- A. Esau's pottage of lentils (bowl of beans) (Gen. 25:33-34; Heb. 12:16, 17)
- B. Moses' choice (Heb. 11:25).
- C. Inherently sinful pleasures.
 - 1. Sexual immorality.
 - 2. High on alcohol and drugs (Tit. 1:8; 1 Pet. 4:3).
 - 3. Revenge and retaliation – word or deed (Rom. 12:19-21)
 - 4. Licentiousness / lasciviousness (2 Cor. 12:21)¹
- D. Otherwise innocent pleasure.
 - 1. Sleep in, TV, or pleasure outing rather than assemble (cf. Heb. 10:25).
 - 2. Sports and recreation interfering with higher duties.
 - 3. Peace at any price.

Conclusion:

- A. What is your soul worth? What would you take for it?
- B. Is there anything (past or present) that stands between you and being right with God?

1. “Wanton (acts or) manners, as filthy words, indecent bodily movements, unchaste handling of males and females – Thayer

“To lust, cause lust, show lust. (American Dictionary)