

Is It Worth Your Life?

By Joe Chesser

Sometimes our priorities get all mixed up. Sometimes we major in minors. Sometimes we give things of little importance our utmost attention. For example, if our house was on fire, what inside the house would be worth risking our life to save? Our furniture? Our electronics? Our guns? Our photos? Our cars? As valuable as these things may be to us, are they worth risking our lives to save them?

Jesus made this point when he was warning about the coming destruction of Jerusalem. He said, "When you see the abomination of desolation ... standing in the holy place ... then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Let the one who is on the housetop not go down to take what is in his house, and let the one who is in the field not turn back to take his cloak" (Matthew 24.15-18).

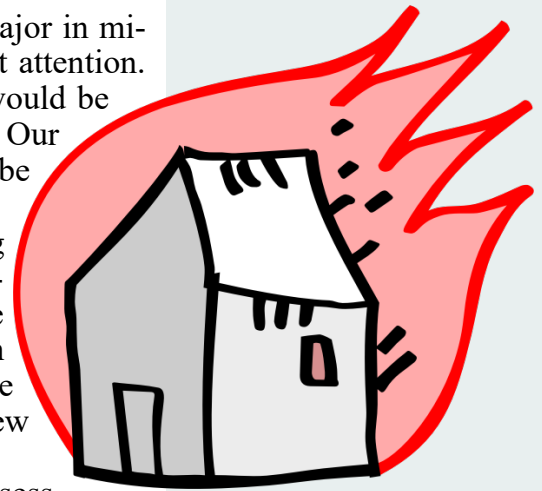
If our physical lives are more valuable than anything we possess, how much more valuable are our souls than anything we possess? Jesus answers that question for us by saying, "For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?" (Matthew 16.26).

Then why are we so often willing to rush into a burning house to save trinkets, or why are we so often willing to neglect our souls for fun at the beach or for a bigger house or for a promotion at work or for ... whatever? Could it be that our priorities are money, fame, accomplishment, power or things? Are these things worth risking our lives to collect and protect? Perhaps we have not learned that "godliness with contentment is great gain, for we have brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction" (1 Timothy 6.6-9). Are things worth risking our life to get!

Perhaps we have failed to find our contentment in God. King David wrote, "You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore" (Psalm 16.11). He also said, "Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you desires of your heart" (Psalm 37.4). It's easy to find contentment in God when God is our delight. Finding contentment in God is a learned process. As Paul wrote, "I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content ... I can do all things through him who strengthens me" (Phil. 4.11, 13).

Jesus wants us to learn to turn things that are upside down right side up. We do this when we make God our priority, when we seek Him and His kingdom above everything else (Matt. 6.33). That's the only thing worth giving up our life to attain.

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Schedule of Services

Greeting: Mark

Song Leader: Mark

Opening Hymn:

342—When He Comes In Glory

Opening Prayer: Dale

Hymn:

336—There's a Great Day Coming

Scripture Reading: Ray

1 Timothy 6:3-10

Hymn: **179—When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

Lord's Supper: Tom

Hymn:

348—Hilltops of Glory

Sermon: Rob S.

Invitation Hymn:

338—I Know Whom I Have Believed

Closing Hymn:

343—It Won't Be Very Long

Closing Prayer: Larry

PRAYER LIST

- *Tom and Nina’s friend Ken and his wife Brenda.
- *Bonnie and her family.
- *Betty and her family.
- *Bonnie and Betty while they travel.
- *Margaret and Albert.
- *Wanda and her family. Wanda has vertigo and has been unable to attend recently.
- *Kathy, her sister, and her friends.
- *Zarna’s family and friends
- *Larry and Ruth.
- *Pat and Ron and their family.
- *Juanita’s sister Betty and the rest of her family. Dale had surgery recently.
- *Mary and her family.
- *Robert and Sara and their children.
- *Ray and Barbara and their family.
- *Dale and his family.
- *Ray, Rebecca, and Steven.
- *Myron & Carole and their family.
- *Mark and his family.



CALENDAR

- Nov. 21—Worship 11 am
Speaker: Rob S.
- Nov. 21—Bible Study
6pm on-line
with Dale
- Nov. 22—b. Ray S.
- Nov. 27—a. Larry & Ruth
- Nov. 28—Worship 11 am
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Error and Greed

1 Timothy 6:3-10

Accords	anyone	arguments	brought
Carry	certain	Christ	clothing
Consent	contentment	corrupt	desire
Destitute	doctrine	godliness	great
Having	Jesus	knowing	means
Minds	nothing	obsessed	otherwise
Proud	reviling	shall	snare
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Hidden Message: _____

People who wonder whether the glass is half empty or half full are missing the point. The glass is REFILLABLE.

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Answer to Puzzle: For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.