

TRADE NOT YOUR SOUL

Scripture Reading: Mark 8:34-38

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Introduction:

1. We all have certain items that we would not sell no matter the price.
2. If we understand this, we ought to understand the great value of our soul.

P. We should never trade our soul for anything the world has to offer.

I. What does the lesson from Jesus teach us about the value of our soul?

T. In this lesson we will consider two key questions Jesus asks.

I. WHAT WOULD IT PROFIT A MAN TO GAIN THE WHOLE WORLD?

A. ALL THE VALUE OF THE WORLD COMBINED

1. All the gold and silver
2. All the ancient artifacts
3. All wisdom and knowledge

B. EXAMPLE OF THE RICH MAN -Lk 16:19-31

1. He dressed in purple and fared sumptuously every day -vs. 19
2. Because he lacked compassion for others, he lost his soul.
3. Everything going well in our lives is not a good measure for our spiritual health before God.

II. WHAT WOULD A MAN GIVE IN EXCHANGE FOR HIS SOUL?

A. BIBLICAL EXAMPLES: (Note: not all of these sold their souls; they did repent)

1. Popularity -Aaron (Ex 32) and King Saul (1Sa 15)
2. Lust -King David for Bathsheba (2Sa 11)
3. Vineyard -King Ahab wanted Naboth's vineyard (1Ki 21)
4. Judas Iscariot -30 Pieces of silver (Mt 26:14-16; 27:3-5)
 - a. Before he died, the 30 pieces of silver became repulsive to him.
 - b. Also note, what he traded for his soul, he was unable to take with him.
 - c. What could the devil possibly put in your hand that would be worth losing Jesus over?

B. REVERSE THE THOUGHTS BY LOOKING TO PAUL -Ph 3:4-8

1. Paul had great confidence in the flesh.
2. He counted all as rubbish that he may gain Christ.

Conclusion:

- We all have certain possession we would not sell for any amount.
- The reality is, we can't even take these with us when we depart -1Ti 6:6
- What we take with us is our soul -Ec 12:7