

Don't Waste Your Life
Matthew 16:24-28
Miracles and Parables—Part 9
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“Then Jesus said to his disciples, ‘If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it. What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father’s glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what he has done. I tell you the truth, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.’” --Matthew 16:24-28

There are basically two ways you can choose to live your life:

1. The _____ Life: “It’s all about _____ and what I want!”

Life philosophy: “For me, to live is to _____, and to die is _____.”

Life goal: Play it _____ for the _____ reward

“She who lives for pleasure [self-indulgence, luxury] is dead even while she lives.” --1 Timothy 5:6

2. The _____ Life: “It’s all about _____ and what _____ wants!”

Life philosophy: “For me, _____, and _____.”

Life goal: _____ it all for Jesus and _____ the eternal reward

“By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh’s daughter. He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time. He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward.” --Hebrews 11:24-26

“What good will it be for a man, if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul?” --Matthew 16:26

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