

"A Question About Values"
Questions Jesus Asked
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What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?" Matthew 16:26

Jesus speaks of the enormous capacity of achievement within our reach!

- 1) God has created us to be the **CROWNING ACHIEVEMENT** of His creation!
  - Genesis 2:7
- 2) The world is **NOT OUR PRIZE**.

### How does someone forfeit their soul?

## A) DRIFT AWAY

• "We must pay the most careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away." Hebrews 2:1

# B) **DISTRACTION**

- Matthew 14:25-31
- Satan's #1 tool against Christians is to get Christians <u>DISTRACTED!</u>
- Hebrews 12:1-2
- The key to avoiding distractions: Keep your eyes on **JESUS**!

# C) **DISOBEDIENCE**

- 1 John 1:6-8
- The remedy for our disobedience: "If we <u>confess our sins to him</u>, he is faithful and just to <u>forgive us and to cleanse us from every wrong</u>. If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that his word has no place in our hearts." Verses 9-10

#### How do we pass on our values?

"Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must <u>deny himself</u> and <u>take up</u> <u>his cross</u> and <u>follow me</u>. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it." Matthew 16:24-25

Jesus gives us 3 actions we must take in order to become a fully committed follower of Christ:

- 1) **DENY YOURSELF**.
- 2) Take up your CROSS.
- 3) LOYAL OBEDIENCE.
  - 1 John 2:6
  - John 12:26

### Parents, you model your Faith:

- When your children hear you **PRAY**.
- When you put God first in your **GIVING**.
- When you **SERVE** others.
- When you live a **CONSISTENT** Christian life.
- When you say **GOOD THINGS** about others.