

Jesus Wants You to *Waste* Your Life (Luke 9:24-25)

1. We Are to Affirm Jesus' Special _____

¹⁸ And it happened, as He was alone praying, *that* His disciples joined Him, and He asked them, saying, "Who do the crowds say that I am?"

¹⁹ So they answered and said, "John the Baptist, but some say Elijah; and others say that one of the old prophets has risen again."

²⁰ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Peter answered and said, "The Christ of God."

2. We Are to Believe Jesus' Substitutionary _____

²¹ And He strictly warned and commanded them to tell this to no one,

²² saying, "The Son of Man must (*dei*) suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day."

3. We Are to Embrace Our Reasonable _____

²³ Then He said to *them* all, "If anyone **desires** to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.

a. Deny (x!) Yourself: Say _____ to Self

b. Take Up (x!) Your Cross Daily: Say _____ to Death

c. Be Following (~!) Jesus: Continually _____ Jesus

4. We Are to Understand the Logic of Present _____

²⁴ "For whoever **desires** to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it.

a. Seeking to _____ your life will only _____ it

- Preserving your life by not _____ yourself
- Preserving your life by not _____ up your cross daily
- Preserving your life by not _____ Jesus

b. _____ your life for Jesus' sake will preserve it

- Wasting your life by _____ yourself for Jesus' sake
- Wasting your life by _____ up your cross daily...
- Wasting your life by continually _____ Jesus

c. Obeying Jesus Is the Ultimate Life _____

²⁵ "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost?"

a. All that can possibly be gained in this life is eternal _____

b. There are only _____ possible ways to live your life:

- Living for _____, and losing the point & purpose of life

Rom. 14:10-12 But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. ¹¹ For it is written: "As I live, says the LORD, Every knee shall bow to Me, And every tongue shall confess to God." ¹² So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.

2 Cor. 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things *done* in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

1 Cor. 3:12-15 Now if anyone builds on this foundation *with* gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, ¹³ each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. ¹⁴ If anyone's work which he has built on *it* endures, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If anyone's work is burned, he will **suffer loss**; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

Rev 22:12 "Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done.

- Living for _____, and gaining eternal rewards & blessings

Matt. 16:24-27 ²⁷ "For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works.

Heb. 10:35-39 Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward.

³⁶ For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise: ³⁷ "For yet a little while, *And* He who is coming will come and will not tarry. ³⁸ Now the just shall live by faith; But if *anyone* draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him." ³⁹ But we are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who believe to the saving (*peripoiesin*) of the soul.

Heb. 11:23-26 By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, ²⁵ choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, ²⁶ esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward.

Heb. 12:1-2 Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares *us*, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.