

INTRODUCTION

- * During the Advent season we focused on the impact of the incarnation through a thematic study of the book of 1 John. In this study, we saw how our lives are intended to be impacted by the incarnation of Christ - that we should be a reflection His light, His love and His life.
- * Jesus came in order that our joy should be full. When we are walking in His light, love and life, His joy will surround us regardless of the circumstances.
- * As we move into the new year, we reflect on the past and look forward to the future.
- * Sadly, many do not analyze their lives and make necessary adjustments before it is too late. Too many people reach their death only to regret the past and dread the future.
- * Today, I would like to present a philosophy of life that will assist you living a full life ... if you accept it and apply it

INSTRUCTION

I. O _____ ING YOUR S _____ (cf. Romans 12:1)

A. As An A _____ of D _____ in the W _____ of God

- * cf. Romans 6:13-19; Ephesians 5:27; Colossians 1:22,28
- * cf. Luke 9:23-26
- * cf. Philippians 3:7-11

B. As An A _____ to D _____ the W _____ of God

1. BY NOT BEING TRANSF _____ ED BY THE W _____
2. BY BEING TRANSF _____ ED BY THE W _____! (cf. Eph 4:20-24)

Once you have honestly/truly presented everything you are and have before the Lord, this next concept will become the focus of your stewardship

The secret to living a full life:

The redemption of that
which cannot be saved
to invest in
the redemption of that
which can be saved
by
offering all that I am
upon the altar
that He may alter
all that I am!

II. R _____ ING YOUR T _____

A. Being In _____ ested In the W _____ of God

1. UNDERSTANDING THE N _____ OF M _____
 - a. Our Mortality (cf. Psalm 90:12; 103:13-18; Isaiah 40:6-8; James 4:13-18)
 - b. Our Immortality (cf. Daniel 12:2-3; Ecclesiastes 3:11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22; Mark 9:42-48; Rev 20:11-15)
2. EMBRACING THE D _____ OF G _____ (cf. 1 Tim 2:3-6; 1 John 2:1-2; John 3:16; Prov 11:30; Psalm 49:6-9)
3. REFLECTING THE M _____ OF C _____ (cf. Eph 4:17-23; Phil 2: 3-5)

B. Being In _____ ested In the K _____ of God (cf. Luke 19:11-24; Matt 25:14-28; Luke 12:16-20; Matt 6:19-33)

1. EVIDENCED IN YOUR B _____
2. EVIDENCED IN YOUR R _____ (cf. 5:19-6:9)
 - a. With Those In Your A _____
 - b. With Those In Your H _____
 - c. With Those In Your W _____

INTROSPECTION

- * HAVE YOU EVER CONSCIOUSLY MADE THE DECISION TO OFFER ALL THAT YOU ARE, ALL THAT YOU HAVE, AND ALL THAT YOU WILL BE - TO GOD FOR HIS USE AND GLORY?

IF YOU KNOW THAT YOU HAVEN'T - ARE YOU WILLING TO DO SO TODAY?

- * ARE YOU WILLING TO BEGIN ANALYZING YOUR USE OF TIME TO SEE WHO, OR WHAT, YOU ARE SERVING THE MOST?
- * ARE YOU WILLING TO ASK GOD TO HELP YOU CHANGE YOUR PRIORITIES?
- * IS THERE A NEED TO "CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK" ... AND, THEREFORE, ACT?

Psalms 103:13-18 As a father pities his children, So the LORD pities those who fear Him. 14 For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust. 15 As for man, his days are like grass; As a flower of the field, so he flourishes. 16 For the wind passes over it, and it is gone, And its place remembers it no more. 17 But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting On those who fear Him, And His righteousness to children's children, 18 To such as keep His covenant, And to those who remember His commandments to do them.

Isaiah 40:6-8 The voice said, "Cry out!" And he said, "What shall I cry?" "All flesh is grass, And all its loveliness is like the flower of the field. 7 The grass withers, the flower fades, Because the breath of the LORD blows upon it; Surely the people are grass. 8 The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever."

James 4:13-15 Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit"; 14 whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. 15 Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that."

Ecclesiastes 3:11 He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end.

1 Corinthians 15:20-22 But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.

* Proverbs 11:30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who wins (laqakh-to take; seize) souls is wise.

* Psalms 49:6-9 ⁶ Those who trust in their wealth and boast in the multitude of their riches, ⁷ none of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him-- ⁸ For the redemption of their souls is costly, and it shall cease forever-- ⁹ that he should continue to live eternally, and not see the Pit.