



## What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?

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How can a person tell the difference between enjoying God's blessings and loving the world more than God?

### Read Matthew 16:26

Jesus asked, "What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?" Where do you see people today making bad trades in pursuit of comfort, status, money, acceptance, or safety? Where are you most tempted to do the same?

### Read 1 John 2:15

The sermon points out that life is about choices, and every choice involves a trade. Looking back over your life, what is one trade you made that brought pain, emptiness, or regret? What did that season teach you about what truly matters?

### Read Matthew 16:24-25

Jesus said that anyone who wants to follow Him must deny themselves, take up their cross, and follow Him. What do you think self-denial looks like in everyday Christian living? In what ways have you recently had to make the conscious decision to deny yourself?

The contrast between the world and the cross is sharp: acceptance vs. opposition, glory vs. shame, comfort vs. suffering, safety vs. death. Which of those contrasts hits you the hardest? Why?

### Read Philippians 3:7-8

Paul said he considered everything loss compared to the surpassing worth of knowing Christ. If you truly believed "to live is Christ, and to die is gain," what would change about the way you live this week?

### Read 1 Timothy 6:10, 17-19

"The storehouses we build won't last—human souls last." How should that truth reshape the way we think about money, success, career, family, generosity, and the time we have left? What is one area where following Jesus will cost you more than you would naturally want to pay?

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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