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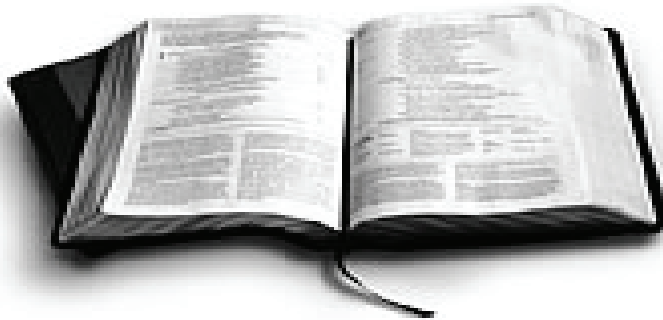
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What Is It!?

and

What Are You Spending Your Life On!?

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«**For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.**» (Matthew 6:21)

The late Max D. Jones, former Senior Chaplain at Florida State Prison, Starke, had this to say about how we Christians should live our lives: “Yesterday is a cancelled check; tomorrow is a promissory note; Today is all the cash you have, spend it wisely.” I first heard Chaplain Jones make that statement in the early 70’s while serving a “Life and 60 Years” sentence and working as his clerk-typist at FSP.

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I have never forgotten this bit of wisdom — nor many other such “words of wisdom” — from this down-to-earth, godly, “heart-full-of-God’s love” man of God. Chaplain Max has since gone to be with Jesus and will receive his sure and



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certain “faithful servant reward”, of this I have no doubt! But I wonder, will your life be one of loss or God-honoring gain and godly reward, my friend? When **YOU** stand before the Lord of Lords and King of Kings on that final day of due wages or rewards, what will be your outcome?

«<sup>15</sup>And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. <sup>16</sup>And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: <sup>17</sup>And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? <sup>18</sup>And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. <sup>20</sup>But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? <sup>21</sup>So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.» (Luke 12:15-21)

If you are a true believer, washed in the saving blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, you still need to embrace and answer the question for yourself in the here and now, and make whatever “adjustments” you might need to make **WHILE YOU STILL MAY DO SO**. Certainly, you do not desire to stand in

Christ’s presence on that day, completely empty-handed, with all your works burned up as worthless “wood, hay, stubble;” useless to God and His kingdom, useless to lost souls needing God’s truth and a godly example to point them to saving faith in Christ, useless for anything that will endure beyond the grave.

«Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;» (I Corinthians 3:12)

Oh, how sad...how terribly sad and tragic, it will be on that day to unalterably realize that you’ve wasted your entire life, **AFTER COMING TO CHRIST**, in the pursuit of things and activities that will not endure the test of eternal value and substance.

My friend, before it is too late to change, turn your life’s direction to live 100% for Jesus and His purposes.

#### VALUE WHAT HE VALUES.

«For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.» (Psalms 30:5)

«Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy. » (James 5:11)

Spend your resources wisely, investing your entire spirit, soul and body for the true work of the kingdom of God and of Heaven.

«<sup>24</sup>No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. <sup>25</sup>Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? <sup>26</sup>Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? <sup>27</sup>Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? <sup>28</sup>And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: <sup>29</sup>And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? <sup>31</sup>Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? <sup>32</sup>(For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

<sup>33</sup>But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. <sup>34</sup>Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof. (Matthew 6:24-34)

Your energy? It belongs to God. Your material prosperity and “stuff” and your money? It belongs to God and His work and will for His kingdom and the souls He died to redeem.

If you have been increased or prospered in any amount or degree, it is not so you can amass wealth and possessions. It is so you can do great things for God and His soul-saving, discipleship-making work of servant-hood. It is so you can be enabled to “outreach” to others in the ministry of love. Helping others who also need Him! (And we all need Him greatly!)

«<sup>26</sup>Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward. <sup>27</sup>By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.» (Hebrews 11:26-27)

As I heard someone say once, “Don’t give til it hurts, give til it feels good”! That is, give til it fills your heart and

soul with Godly, abounding, liberating joy and then keep on giving some more!

«<sup>19</sup>Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: <sup>20</sup>But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. <sup>22</sup>The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. <sup>23</sup>But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness! <sup>24</sup>No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.» (Matthew 6:19-24)

Do that, my friend, in Jesus' name and in His will and for His God-pleasing purposes and you will not spend your life in vain, but instead, right in the center of Godly virtue that brings joy to God's heart and, (as a big bonus!) produces "work treasures" of silver, gold and precious stones that will endure the testing fire of God's "purity check."

«<sup>11</sup>For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. <sup>12</sup>Now if any man build

upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; <sup>13</sup>Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. <sup>14</sup>If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. <sup>15</sup>If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.» (I Corinthians 3:11-15)

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What are **YOU** spending your life on? And, is it wood, hay and stubble which will be burned up; or gold, silver and precious stones that will endure throughout eternity of great value to God!?

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