

## How People Lose Their Soul

**There are only two paths in life; for God or NOT for God. Living Not for God is a losing of the soul** - Matt 16:26-27 - 26 What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, YET FORFEITS HIS SOUL? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? 27 For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what he has done.

**The ingredients of the world caters to man** - 1 John 2:15-17 - 15 **Do not love the world or anything in the world.** If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For everything in the world — the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does — **comes not from the Father but from the world.** 17 The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.

**Our eternal outcome is based on our life-purpose** - Gal 6:7-8- 7 **Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked.** A man reaps what he sows. 8 The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature **WILL REAP destruction**; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit **WILL REAP eternal life.**

**Jesus paid for us, so we MUST live for Him** - 1 Cor 7:23-24 - 23 **You were bought at a price; do not become slaves of men.** 24 Brothers, each man, as responsible to God, **SHOULD REMAIN IN THE SITUATION GOD CALLED HIM TO.**

**If we do not live for Christ and what He says, it will put us on the wrong side in the end** - Mark 8:36-38 - 36 What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul? 37 Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? 38 If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man **will be ashamed of him** when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

**When it comes to the two paths of life, we must realize, the outcomes are vastly different** - Rom 2:5-11 - 5 But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, **you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath**, when his righteous judgment will be revealed. 6 God "will give to each person according to what he has done." 7 To those who by persistence in doing good SEEK glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life. 8 But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger. 9 There will be trouble and distress for every human being who does evil: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile; 10 but glory, honor and peace for everyone who does good: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. 11 For God does not show favoritism.

**Choosing the wrong path, distorts who we must respect** - Matt 10:28 Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

**Choosing the wrong path, will have us invest in the wrong things** - Luke 12:16-23 - 16 And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. 17 He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.' 18 "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. 19 And I'll say to myself, "**You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.**" ' 20 "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' 21 "This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God." 22 Then Jesus said to his disciples: "**THEREFORE** I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear.

**The key to avoid Losing your soul, is to DENY SELF** - Matt 16:24-25 - 24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, **HE MUST deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.** 25 For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it.

**Denying self means to stop reacting, even when it comes to life's essentials, and completely live trusting in God** - Luke 12:29-31 - 29 And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. 30 For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. 31 But **seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.**

**We must consciously know what to value and what NOT to value** - Matt 6:19-21 - 19 **"DO NOT STORE UP for yourselves treasures on earth**, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But **STORE UP for yourselves treasures in heaven**, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

**Totally looking to God to set you apart for his purpose** - 1 Thess 5:23-24 - 23 May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.

**The way we allow God to set us apart for His purpose is through His Word**- 17:16-19 - 16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. 17 **Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.** 18 As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. 19 For them **I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.**

**Most of all, recognize the danger of your desires** - 1 Peter 2:11 Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to **abstain from sinful desires**, which **WAR AGAINST YOUR SOUL**.