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Don't Waste Your Life

Lesson Two • Philippians 3:4-9

Losing All to Gain Christ

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The life that counts for God's glory LOSES ALL to GAIN CHRIST as their treasure.

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Philippians 3:7*

Losing All to Gain Christ

1. Count as LOSS the Many Treasures of the Wasted Life!

Though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Phi. 3:4-7

Treasures Paul Counted as Loss

- FAMILY heritage: "circumcised on the eight day, of the people of Israel"

- SOCIAL status: "of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews"

- BIBLICAL knowledge: "as to the law, a Pharisee"

- RELIGIOUS activity: "as to zeal, a persecutor of the church"

- MORAL lifestyle: "as to righteousness under the law, blameless"

2. Count as GAIN the Only Treasure of the Life That Counts!

Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ. Philippians 3:8

The Only Treasure of the Life That Counts

The life that counts for God's glory treasures CHRIST above everything this world has to offer.

*"For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."
Paul, Philippians 1:21*

What We Gain in Christ

- In Christ we have found something worth LOSING everything for.

*For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will stand upon the earth.
Job 19:25*

By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. Hebrews 11:24-26

Philippians 2:25-30 – Example of Epaphroditus

- In Christ we are counted RIGHTEOUS, and this righteousness is not your own, but a gift from God that is received through faith.

And be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith. Philippians 3:9

Prayer

God, even if it costs me everything, don't let me waste my life. With Your grace, help me to make my life count for Your glory.