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and our loved ones will be tremendous.

If you find yourself more inclined to watch your favorite TV program than to study the Bible, it's time to take stock of what's really important.

If you find yourself choosing your physical family and friends over your spiritual ones, you've misjudged the value God places on them.

Let us not underestimate the value of our example on others, most especially our children.

It's time to learn to walk in the Spirit instead of sacrificing what's best for the short-term, self-destructive desires of the flesh.

What reaction do you have to love, joy peace & patience (Gal. 5:22-23) **versus** immorality, impurity, sensuality, drunkenness, etc (Gal. 5:19-21)??

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"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" -Psalm 119:105



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Underestimated Values

Why is it that some of the best things in life can sound so unappealing to people – things like godliness, obedience, & faithfulness, for instance? Why do they so often trigger more of a yawn rather than wet eyes of thankfulness? Could it be that we've underestimated their worth?

Think how much these values can do for us. A truly godly faithful individual won't cheat on a spouse, abuse a child, or falsify an income tax return.

Every Christian faces a constant challenge to live a pure

life (Gal. 5:16-17).

Gal 5:16-17, "But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please."

Has our Christian walk seemed too difficult lately? It's possible we've been underestimating what should be of greatest value to us. The cost to us

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The Deception of Envy

There are many warnings against envy in the scriptures. It is mentioned by our Lord as being something which defiles a man (Matt. 7:22). It is mentioned by Paul in his list of sins among the gentiles (Rom. 1:29), as well as with the works of the flesh (Gal. 5:21). Other passages mention the evils of envy also.

Envy is the feeling of displeasure produced by witnessing or hearing of the advantage or prosperity of others (VINES).

Envy is a temptation we all have to deal with in some degree. God's children may wonder if a disciplined life is worth it when they look at the prosperity of many who reject God.

It's difficult to watch people who live a luxurious lifestyle from worldliness. They have everything they could ever want— extravagant homes, fancy cars, expensive furniture, fine clothes, & the latest of everything.

Being on the outside looking in, they may appear to never have any trouble. Their lives seem so free from care and burdens. If you aren't careful, it could make you wonder if godliness is worthwhile.

This is what happened to Asaph. He wrote, **Ps 73:2-3**, *"But as for me, my*

feet came close to stumbling; My steps had almost slipped. 3 For I was envious of the arrogant, As I saw the prosperity of the wicked."

Ps 73:5, *"They are not in trouble as other men; Nor are they plagued like mankind."*

Ps 73:8-9, *"They mock, and wickedly speak of oppression; They speak from on high. 9 They have set their mouth against the heavens, And their tongue parades through the earth."*

But then Asaph went to the house of God, and the right outlook returned as he considered the final destiny

of the wicked (v.17).

Ps 73:17-18, *"Until I went into the sanctuary of God; Then I understood their end. 18 Surely You set them in slippery places; You cast them down to destruction."*

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When you stop to envy the wealth of the ungodly and wish you could trade places with them, just remember where they are headed. In the world to come they will wish they could trade everything they ever had for just one moment of relief (Luke 16:24).

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Life-Giving Words

In Luke 7:11-17 we read the remarkable account of what happened when Jesus encountered a large funeral procession. A grieving widow was on her way to bury her only son. Feeling compassion for the woman, he spoke to her, touched the coffin, and commanded her son to rise up out of the coffin!

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What happened to that young man is a great example of what happens to a person who is converted to Christ. Until you and I come in contact with the Savior, we are *"dead in trespasses and sins"* (Eph. 2:1). Because of our sins, we are on our way to the cemetery of what the Bible calls the second death (Rev. 20:6; 21:8). We will be eternally separated from God unless we are reborn spiritually.

When Jesus speaks to a person through the life-giving Word and the person puts on Jesus in faith & baptism, he instantly begins a new life. He is a new creation!

Gal 3:26-27, *"For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ."*

2 Cor 5:17, *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."*

Great joy, peace and blessings will follow, just as it did for the widow and her only son.

Have you heard the life-giving words of Jesus? Only Jesus can take away the deadness of your life and give you a new beginning that brings forgiveness and joy right now, coupled with the outlook of heaven forever!!

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God's Plan for Saving Man

- ⇒ **Hear** the Gospel (Romans 10:17)
- ⇒ **Believe** the Gospel (Hebrews 11:6; John 20:31)
- ⇒ **Repent** of Past Sins (Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30)
- ⇒ **Confess Faith** in Christ (Romans 10:10; Matthew 10:32)
- ⇒ **Be Baptized** in water (Acts 2:38; Mk. 16:16; Gal. 3:27; 1 Pet. 3:21)
- ⇒ **Be Faithful** until/ unto Death (Rev. 2:10)