



VALUE OF A SOUL

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After telling His disciples and others nearby the cost of being His disciple, Jesus asked...

"For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" - Mk 8:36-37

With these words of Jesus we are reminded of the value of the soul...

Do you know what a soul is?

It's the part of us that thinks and loves and talks and chooses. That part is invisible and on the inside, just like our body is visible and on the outside.

Imagine a glove. When it is just lying on the table, it is limp and lifeless. This is what a body at a funeral looks like. But when you put your hand in it and start to move your hand, the glove "comes to life," even though you can't see the hand.

Our spirit or "soul" is like the hand—it's what makes our outsides move and talk and love.

Our soul is the eternal part of us.

Living right and serving God is how we take care of our soul. Everything we do as a Christian is about the care of our souls.

PRAYER.
FASTING.
READING THE BIBLE.
FORGIVING OTHERS.
APOLOGIZING.
SHARING.

These are the acts of a Christian. This is how we do our part of caring for our souls.

Let's pray together about doing these things.

Parents, pray over your kids. Then ask your kids to pray over you.

Now, pray over them, then ask them to pray for you. Let each child lead family in prayer. If they feel emotional, reassure them, they are feeling the presence of God. They could receive the gift of tongues in your home.