

PLACING LIFE BEHIND YOUR SOUL

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Story about man fishing in China catching a huge fish – large as he was him. Fought it for hours, until people near by heard him finally say “I think I got him now!” that was the last they ever heard or saw of the man. The fish drag him into the river drowning him as he refused to let go.

READ: Matthew 5:27-30

The importance of dealing with sin and getting rid of it.

Right eye and right hand

People viewed the right eye and hand more important than the left

They are your most precious body parts

If the most precious thing causes you to sin, get rid of it. Regardless of how valuable a thing may be, if it traps you and causes you to stumble – get rid of it!

Your soul and its destiny is the most important thing about you - that is why God is concerned about your heart and your motives more than your external looks and actions.

- It is so important He says it twice – better to lose a valuable external part than bring harm to what is most important your soul by casting into hell.

THE MAIN POINT: EVERYTHING IN LIFE IS SECOND BEHIND THE PURITY OF YOUR SOUL.

Hell- Ghena

Therefore the most important thing you can do is prepare yourself for eternity.

Matthew 6:19-20 “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

To do this we must hate sin and do all we can to destroy it within our hearts and lives at all costs.

Beatitudes – Blessed are the pure at heart., blessed are those who hunger & thirst for righteousness

Not Blessed are those who don't care, blessed are those who do whatever, blessed are those who are owned by their passions, pleasures, and desires.

TONIGHT, what has the apple of your eye? What is it you are craving? What is it you cannot wait to get back to? What is it that you'll stop everything for? What is it that you refuse to live without?

CONCLUSION

1. Stop feeding your sinful desires and making provision for them to be feed.
 - a. Recognize and confess you have a sin problem, then starve it to death.
2. We must deliberately restrain our sinful desires. You need to practice saying “no”. You need to refuse it.
3. We must realize the price paid to deliver you from sin. Humble our before Christ confessing that we don't believe he is enough for us and that we need other things to be whole.