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Don't Forfeit Your Soul

"What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?" Mark 8:36-37

You can't trade riches and personal pleasure for your soul. What about you? Have you been pouring all your time and energy into money, work, leisure, sports or materialistic pursuits while neglecting your relationship with God? Take the initiative to become rich toward God. Whether you're at the beginning of your spiritual journey or stopped at a roadblock along the way take a step back and decide now to determine what your next choices will be. It is never too late to change! Years ago I had a bumper sticker positioned in my Harley repair shop so all of the bikers who came in to drop off or pickup their Harleys would have to see it.

It read: "God allows U-turns."

Almost to the person they would tell me that they liked my bumper sticker. Do you need to be more disciplined in personal reflection and prayer, in studying the Bible, in fellowship with Christians and in regular church attendance? Determine your next step, and then take it. Commit yourself to "divine transition." You'll receive a payoff that will last for all eternity.

A word of advice, if you think you can remain isolated and go it alone away from good fellowship you are already spiritually anemic in your soul and thinking carnally. The following statement is curt but true. You will understand it or be offended by it. But after more than thirty years of pastoral ministry....Christian behavior has proven it to be true.

"The banana separated from the bunch is the one that is peeled and eaten."

APPLICATION: It doesn't matter what it is that is separating you from Him or His people, anemia of the soul will set in. If you are not sure what your next step is pray for Gods guidance. Ask other wise and mature Christians to be honest with you about your walk. Don't become offended! Ask them to pray for you and with you. As you begin to discern what your next step is ask God for the strength to follow through and take that step.



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