

## How do I benefit if I gain things in this life then lose my soul for eternity?

Mar 8:35 (Jesus) **Whoever wants to save their life** (for themselves) **will lose it** (eternally) **but whoever loses their life for My sake and the gospel's will save it** (eternally).

36 **What will it profit a person if they gain the whole world, and lose their own soul,** (or gain fame, power, influence, key possessions or a desirable but ungodly spouse)?

37 **Or what will a person trade** (away the salvation of) **their soul for?** With eternal regret

What is my soul? It is my will, which has the power to choose, right or wrong, my human nature or my conscience, the will of Satan or God, life or death, and blessing or cursing:

Deut 30:19 **I set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life** (God's nature, exercise your will) **that both you and your offspring may live;**

Ps 143:8 ...**Cause me** (God) **to know the way in which I should walk, because I lift up my soul** (my own will, my God given power of choice, in submission) **to You.**

Jam 1:21 ...**Receive with meekness** (a hearing heart) **the implanted word, which has the power to save your souls** (your will, from self to Christ, sin to righteousness; if my soul or will is unsaved and lost eternally I will never again be able to choose life).

Heb 10:39 ...**We are of those who believe, who cleave to and trust in and rely on God in and by Jesus Christ, by faith, to the saving of our souls.** AMP/NKJV

Our human nature, from which our will needs to be saved, thinks wealth buys happiness

1 Tim 6:5-6 ...**People of a corrupt mind, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness** (the wide misconception that increase must be from God, it isn't Satan also can give wealth, to sinners who belong to him – Pro 13:22): **from such turn away. But godliness** (conformed to Christ) **with contentment is great gain;**

8 **And having food and clothing let us be content.**

9 **But they that would be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown people in destruction and damnation.**

10 **For the love of money is a root of all evil: which some who coveted after, have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.** KJV (God says loving money not only doesn't buy happiness, but it results in sorrows.)

Pro 23:4-5 **Do not weary yourself to gain wealth, Cease from your consideration of it. When you set your eyes on it, it is gone. For wealth certainly makes itself wings Like an eagle that flies toward the heavens.** NASU

How does wealth, when we seek after it rather than God, often so easily disappear? Through accidents, addictions, sickness, needless spending, trying to impress others, poor investments and divorce – with Satan and not God, behind all of it.

**Ecc 5:10 Those who love silver will not be satisfied with silver; Nor those who love abundance, with increase...**(because riches deceive us into thinking that they will)

**Matt 13:22 Now those who receive seed among the thorns are those who hear the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches (and the want of things – entering the heart) choke the word, and they become unfruitful.**

**Prov 1:32 ...The prosperity of fools shall destroy them.** KJV

**Matt 6:24 No one can serve two masters...You cannot serve God and mammon, deceitful riches, money, possessions, or whatever else is trusted in.** AMP

Money can't buy faith in God, but faith in God can obtain money, so faith is more valuable:

**1 Pet 1:7 ...The genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold...**

God wants us, His children, to have money but He doesn't want money to have our will.

**Pro 10:22 The blessing of the LORD makes one rich, and He adds no sorrow with it.**

**Deut 8:18-19 Remember the Lord your God, for it is He Who gives you power to get wealth (slowly as we grow in wisdom) that He may establish His covenant...if you forget the Lord your God and walk after other gods (money)...you will perish.**

**Prov 13:22 ...The (material) wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous.**

**Hab 2:4 (How do we access it?) ...The righteous will live by their faith (in God).**

**Ps 1:1-2 Blessed is the person who doesn't follow the advice of the ungodly, nor hangs out with sinners or those who scoff at God, But their delight is in the word of the LORD, And in His word they meditate (think on it) day and night.**

**3 They will be as trees planted by the rivers of water, who bring forth fruit in its season, whose leaf (spirit) will not wither; and whatever they do will prosper.**

**Josh 1:8 This Book of God's words shall not depart from your mouth (you will speak them) but you shall meditate in it (think on them) day and night, so that you may obey all that is written in it (God causing you to, by His Spirit – Ezek 36:27). **Because then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success** (this is the only time the word "success" appears in the KJ Bible).**

Thank you Lord for saving my soul (my will from the deception that material gain satisfies)

Thank you Lord for making me whole (healed and freed from Satan's lies about money)

Thank you Lord for giving to me (what I didn't deserve and what I could never earn)

Your great salvation (from sin, self, the world and Satan) so rich and free (simply by faith)