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Dear Evangelistic Friend,

Have you considered that **“One soul is worth more than all the world?”** My grandfather, Ford Porter often made that emphatic statement when he preached. “For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?” (Matthew 16:26–27). Do we value the souls of the lost? How should this statement of this scriptural truth inform and energize our lives?

I believe we should see those around us as living in peril. Life is so short and we have no promise of tomorrow. “Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth” (Proverbs 27:1). “And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment” (Hebrews 9:27).

There is a Heaven to gain and a Hell to shun. This old-time admonition rings true in light of these scriptures.

I believe Jesus Christ has the power to save. “But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name” (John 1:12). So many have a confused theology, seeking to earn salvation by good works or by much contrition. Sinners must believe Jesus is their substitute for the payment of sin. “For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Romans 6:23). How terrible must sin be for God to condemn sinners to death? Even his Son Jesus had to die to pay the price of our sin.

I believe it is not enough just to live an upright life before the lost. **We need to speak directly to their need.** I am encouraged by the salvation testimonies found in this issue of the *CROWNS*. When our friend and tract evangelist Jim Kilgore engages in conversation with someone and shows personal interest in them, he often is able to lead someone to Christ. His direct but loving approach using *God’s Simple Plan of Salvation* teaches the truth of scripture and offers salvation to the repentant. He offers to lead them in prayer. After hearing them pray he teaches the truth of assurance of salvation found in scripture. He also offers them a way to learn more and grow spiritually.

There is no greater endeavor than to win souls. “For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every man’s work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man’s work of what sort it is. If any man’s work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man’s work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire” (I Corinthians 3:11–16). Surely the souls of men are the gold, silver, and precious stones mentioned. Nothing else of this earth will remain.

Will the spiritual work of your lifetime remain in that great day of judgment? Join with us in reaching the lost!



Dear Mark,

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