

Living for Eternity 1 - Part 2

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The sermon emphasizes the importance of prioritizing spiritual values over material wealth while living with an awareness of eternity.

Duration: 8:38

Scripture: Matthew 6:19-21, Matthew 6:24, Matthew 6:34, Matthew 16:26, Mark 8:36, Luke 12:15, 1 Timothy 6:10, James 4:14, 1 Peter 5:8

Topics: "Eternal Focus", "Spiritual Growth"

Description

This sermon emphasizes the danger of allowing money to dictate our lives, urging listeners to prioritize spiritual growth over material possessions. It contrasts the worldly focus on wealth with the example of Jesus, who prioritized spiritual authority and service over financial concerns. The speaker shares personal experiences of witnessing demon possession and highlights the importance of being prepared for eternity, living each day as if it could be our last.

Transcript

These days, hydrogen cars were far far away at the time when I began to tell people, listen, to run a car costs something. Don't just jump in and say, okay, you foot the whole bill. Learn to be Christian in your ways.

You know how people have no understanding. When it comes to money, it is scraping and saving. What? Just for some material object to buy or to obtain or to utilize for some material possession.

My father would teach people, saying, God taught me to spend money. And my father was not a wealthy man, but he said, God taught me to spend my money for spiritual things in order to grow in the things of God. Now, is my life to be ruled by money? The prospects of money? Just think of it.

Is that all I'm worth? So, somebody offers me a job which is going to bring me a lot more money, and I jump off. I have no commitment, whatever, to any good work that I am doing in that place. I say, hey, all I need is a little more money, and I'm going.

Now, that is the order of things today. And what a dismal condition that is. So, money dictates what you should do, where you should live, where you should work, what you should choose.

In other words, your whole life is to be ordered by money. My dear friends, if money had ruled over me in that manner, I would have done nothing for Jesus Christ. So, now that is the modern order of things.

Not so in the life of our Lord Jesus. He did not even have the money on hand to pay the taxman. He had to send Peter to go fishing and to get it out of the mouth of that fish, which probably inadvertently swallowed something which it could not stomach.

My dear friends, here we see our Lord dealing with people who are demon-possessed. When I first saw a demon-possession, I was a boy of 16 years, and I was horrified when I saw an ordinary person, under the influence of evil spirits, completely act in a manner which was hardly characteristic of her, when the evil spirit came upon her. And when I saw my father, with the authority which Jesus has given, cast out that evil spirit, my, it came home to me.

Is this how evil spirits can grip people and dominate their lives? And I want to tell you, I have no doubt whatever, with this modern spit of Harry Potter's books and other such literature, advocating and enhancing the reputation of magical works and all that goes with them, and the commercial thrust which is given by, you know, that festival that comes around in October? In Europe, there was a reaction against that festival, where black cats and witches are glorified. My dear friends, now all this is leading people to a state where they have no desire to even know that eternity is just a step ahead. Now how would you live this day? How would you have lived this day, despite your travel, if you but knew, or if you had a prior intimation, that you are going to meet eternity at 10 o'clock this evening? You know, I live constantly as though God might call me at any moment.

That's how I live. Why should I have to fear? If my Savior calls me, I will go. But how would you live, if you but lived with that attitude? God's going to call me this evening.

Oh, my dear people, that shows what is that, if there is a complete difference in the tenor of your choices and behavior or talk or prayer, just because you knew your hours were numbered and your moments. Now, does that not indicate a kind of haziness about eternity? So, with the expectation that today is not going to be the day, you will live carelessly, you will live selfishly, you will live merely for money.

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