

(Heavenly Life) Heavenly Attitudes

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The sermon emphasizes the importance of living a heavenly life on earth, taking the Bible seriously, and living to please God, and provides practical examples and teachings on how to achieve this.

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Description

This sermon emphasizes the importance of being the salt of the earth by bringing a taste of heaven to wherever we are, whether at home, work, or church. It highlights the need to have a heavenly mindset, to forgive others, to be wise with money, and to be salted with the fire of the Holy Spirit to live a life pleasing to God and impactful to those around us.

Transcript

We all know that Jesus said that you are the salt of the earth and I want to interpret that as meaning that you are to bring a taste of heaven to this earth wherever you live, wherever you work, wherever your home is, whoever you contact. Think of that. You are to bring a taste of heaven to this earth wherever your church is.

People who come to your church must get a taste of heaven. That is the real meaning of you are the salt of the earth. And you know in our food when salt is not there we get we are aware of it immediately.

It doesn't take time. You don't have to wait for five minutes to discover whether there's salt in your food. You don't even have to wait for one second.

You know it immediately and all you do is add such a small quantity of salt to make that whole food taste salty. So it's the same with God's people. God's people were never meant to be large in number.

All the people who pray for billions of people to be saved, I say I'd be delighted if all seven billion people in the world are saved. God doesn't want anybody to perish. He doesn't want anybody to be lost.

He wants everyone to be saved. It says 1 Timothy 2, 1 2 Peter 3. Very clear. But Jesus also said the way to life or to heaven which is real life is narrow and very few find it.

Many will understand it. Very few find it. It's possible that all of you sitting here got good intelligent minds and you can understand everything I say.

You understood the way. But you find it in daily life. That's another thing.

Very few find this heavenly way in their earthly life. If you have found it, one mark of it will be that people who come in touch with you get a taste of heaven. Do they get that taste of heaven? There was a great saint of God who lived in John Wesley's time.

He was a pastor of one of the Methodist churches that John Wesley founded. In those days the Methodist churches were really heavenly. This is we're talking about the 1700s.

His name was John Fletcher. John Wesley who knew him so well made this statement that he did not believe that there was a most saintly man on the face of the earth in 20 centuries after the Apostle John like John Fletcher. That was the opinion of a man like John Wesley.

Now what I want to say is at John Fletcher's funeral his wife said my husband was not an ordinary man. I did not live with a man. I lived with an angel.

I lived with someone who was heavenly. There was another preacher in his town who totally disagreed with him in doctrine and who was frequently they had discussions and arguments about doctrine. That man at John Fletcher's funeral said I have argued and discussed doctrine with this man for many years but in all those years he never spoke one unchristlike word in all his arguments and discussions.

Brothers and sisters that was a human being born of the race of Adam redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ who had that testimony from his wife and from his strongest opponent doctrinally from a man of another denomination. How did he come to that life? Why is it so few Christians come to that life? How did he come to that heavenly life on earth? I'll tell you why. What is the difference between him and us? He took the Bible seriously.

He took Jesus Christ seriously. He took his earthly life seriously. He knew that he had only one earthly life and he didn't care for the opinions of men.

He lived only to please God. That is the difference between him and most of us. The choice is yours.

You can if you are you are today let me put it like this you are today as heavenly as you have chosen to be. You don't want to be any more heavenly because you say that means you can't have your own way. When Jesus said I will build my church he wasn't speaking about an earthly church.

He was speaking about a heavenly church on earth and I want to say to you that's the church Jesus is building. My greatest goal in life is to build that type of church anywhere. How many people will really become part of that church? I don't know but that's what I preached for more than 30 years and hopefully that's what I'll preach till Jesus comes.

Let's turn to Hebrews in chapter 12. Compares here the old covenant with the new covenant and puts it like this. Hebrews is a great book and that's why there are some groups of Christians born-again Christians.

I met a brethren assembly elder who once told me that the book of Hebrews is not for us believers. You know there are Christians who believe that the book of Hebrews is not for us believers. It's for the Jewish

people.

They say the Sermon on the Mount is for the Jewish people and most of the book of Revelation is for the Jewish people. They have a thing called a Jewish waste paper basket. Anything that's inconvenient and difficult they cut it out and put in the Jewish waste paper basket.

That is the theology of some born-again Christians. You think they're off their head. I think they are but the book of Hebrews is the one book that really brings out the new covenant and I'm not surprised that many Christians don't read it and I'm not surprised that many other Christians the devil has told them it's not for you.

I know this book has changed my life if you listen through my 70 hour CD of Through the Bible. I don't know whether you noticed out of 70 hours for 66 books which should be an average of one hour per book I spent four hours on Hebrews alone because I believe it's a very important book.

Hebrews chapter 12 verse 18 he's talking about the Israelites who came to Mount Sinai in the wilderness where the old covenant was established and he says you people it's obvious this is not referring to Jewish people you Christians you have not come to a mountain that can be touched or to a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and whirlwind to the blast of a trumpet and the sound of words etc but verse 22 you have come to Mount Zion and that's not the earthly Zion it's a heavenly one to the city of the living God the heavenly Jerusalem there he's talking about the church is a heavenly Jerusalem the city of God it's nothing it's got nothing to do with Israel or the earth or any such thing that was an earthly covenant God made with Moses and he gave them that land and they fulfilled his

promise and given it to them today also but for us it's a heavenly Jerusalem and to myriads of angels have you come there I remember an old brother who his children had all got married and left home godly brother and then his wife died as well and he lived all alone in that house and when he went to the fellowship meetings people asked him he feel lonely in that house he said oh no there are so many angels there I've got to sort of push them around to move from one room to another he was so conscious of the presence of angels in his house they are there brothers and sisters they are not visible but they are there the Bible says in Hebrews 1 the last verse that they have been sent to serve those who received salvation one of the tragic things I have found among believers even born-again

believers and a lot of Pentecostal believers is they speak more about demons than they speak about angels they think more about demons than they think about angels there's a demon here there's a demon there the demon the other place they're always saying get behind me Satan I resist you Satan get behind me Satan where they occupied with the devil's made fools of Christians you find Jesus going around saying get behind me Satan I resist you Satan he said it twice in his whole life as far as that but he was more aware of angels the angels ministered to him and we must recognize their presence it bring a lot of rest into our life angels have kept all of us from many serious accidents on the road it certainly kept me no doubt about it so I believe in them I'm very thankful for them I've come

like it says here to myriads of angels it's part of my inheritance in Christ the Old Testament people didn't have that once in a while an angel would come and defend Israel from their enemies but the other thing about having angels all around always around us is you know when you lock up your door and you sit by yourself to commit some sin remember the room is full of angels it will help you to keep from sinning the next time you want to commit a sin when you're all by yourself either alone or with somebody else who wants to sing with you remember the room is filled with angels who got eyes and who are watching and

demons too they're watching it too if you are aware of this I tell you it'll keep you from a lot of sin when you think you're all alone with your wife at home and therefore you

can speak to her as you like unlike the way you would speak to her if a believer from the church were there now you're all alone you can speak to her as you like you can speak to your husband as you like remember the room is full of angels who are listening to the way you speak to your husband and wife the room is full of demons who are laughing with delight when they hear the rude way you speak to your husband or wife please remember that next time and be more conscious of the angels we have we are not like those Old Testament people we have begun our heavenly life already the gospel is that we can have a spiritual heavenly life now and a physical heaven when Christ returns to heavens now you can choose to have only one of them that's up to you to live a very earthly bound life like all

the other people on earth and then if you ever get there but if you live a very earthly bound life I wonder whether you'll get to heaven finally I have serious doubts about it I'll tell you honestly see heaven is prepared for those who have not just sung with their mouth oh what a day that'll be when he'll take me to heaven no you know that God looks at the heart and man looks at the outside and heaven is open to everybody ever since the day Jesus when he was baptized in the heavens were open and the Holy Spirit came from the day of Pentecost I want to say the doors of heaven the windows of heaven have always been open but whether they're going to be open over your life is up to you but God is not going to drag people into heaven who don't want to be there God is not going to drag people

into heaven who have no interest in the things of heaven there's no pornography in heaven by the way I hope you know that those who find that delight in that are expressing thereby I'm not Lord I'm not that interested in heaven right now I'm interested in enjoying myself okay go ahead I'm not gonna force anybody to go to heaven you have your choice you can choose whatever you like God's given man freedom of choice when Adam said I don't care if I die and Adam and Eve I'm gonna eat the fruit I said okay go ahead and you die Satan said no no no you will not die do you know the first lie in the Bible it's called the lie in second Thessalonians 2 the lie because it is the first lie in the Bible and that is even if you disobey God you'll still go to heaven that's the first lie in the Bible

Genesis chapter 3 Eve said you know God said we shouldn't touch this otherwise we'll die and the devil said the first lie in the Bible you shall surely not die even if you disobey God he's been saying that for 6,000 years you can disobey God you can watch up for internet pornography you will go to heaven you believe that you really believe that you believe the lie of the devil ask yourself you think you can have a bitterness towards somebody and go to heaven the devil says of course you'll go you won't die I mean Jesus word is very plain if you don't forgive others you won't be forgiven I wrote that in an article recently in a magazine and somebody wrote a letter to the editor what does brother Zack mean does he mean that you don't forgive others and you die like that you will not go to

heaven I said I'm not gonna say anything I'm just gonna ask you this with what did Jesus say in Matthew 6:15 if you do not forgive others your heavenly Father will not forgive you turn to that verse Matthew 6 in verse 15 it's very important to live a heavenly life there was no such verse in the Old Testament this is sermon on the mount not 10 Commandments the 10 come on 10 Commandments are replaced by the sermon on the mount we're not here to follow the 10 Commandments we are here to follow a much higher standard the sermon on the mount the Old Testament you were allowed to hate your enemies not in the new to come if you want to be heavenly minded you can't hate your enemies I'll tell you that you hate your enemies and expect to go to heaven you're just fooling yourself Matthew 6 in verse

15 if you do not forgive others we got to read the Bible slowly like I've been telling you so many times of late to read the Bible slowly let it go through you like you the doctor said digest your food don't just swallow it digest chew it and digest it and you'll live longer so I say chew the words and let it go through you and you live eternally if you do not forgive others then God will not forgive your transgressions that would have meant unbelievers no no your father that means believers you see the difference you see the difference between Jesus saying if you don't forgive others then God will not forgive your transgressions and Jesus saying if you don't forgive us your father will not forgive your transgressions so who is he talking to when he says God you'd be talking to

unbelievers when he says your father who's that born-again Christians your father will not forgive your transgressions if there's one human being anywhere on the face of the earth today whom you have not forgiven no matter what crime he committed whatever crime he committed was not greater than the crime of crucifying Christ and he forgave them and you ask him to forgive you forgive me as it says here in verse 12 forgive us our sins as exactly the same way we have forgiven others it's very interesting there are six requests in the Lord's Prayer verse 9 hallowed be your name second your kingdom come third you will be done on earth as in heaven fourth give us this day our daily bread fifth forgive us our sins as we forgive others and sixth lead us not into temptation but deliver us from

evil having said that and said amen Jesus picked out one out of the six and said I want to emphasize one of these particular you got to forgive others otherwise you won't be forgiven now the point is this what I said in this reply to this person was okay this is the Lord speaking to believers your father will not forgive you that's settled second is there a chance of being forgiven after we die no it's appointed unto men once to die after that the judgment third question will there be anybody in heaven who has got even one sin not forgiven before he died there won't even be one person like that and that's why I say to you in Jesus name forgive people immediately it's a habit that I have practiced for many years whenever I hear for example somebody tells me brother Zack do you know that

so-and-so spoke some evil about you I say Lord I forgive him immediately I don't know who he is where he is but I release I will not catch him by the throat I forgive him or somebody cheated me or somebody duped me or doesn't matter I want to be the salt of the earth now turn back to Hebrews in chapter 12 you can live in heaven right now if you want the choice is yours you see now why many people don't live that heavenly life on earth they don't want to there are other things which are more important for them they want to assert their rights they say how what do you mean forgive some guy the way that guy treated me I got to give him a piece of my mind go ahead brother give him a piece of your mind where you'll never get into God's kingdom that's for sure until you go to that person and

apologize for giving him a piece of your mind and forgive him and ask his forgiveness then there's some hope but the best way is you don't give him a piece of your mind whether it's your wife or your husband or anybody let me tell you my dear brothers and sisters and CFC most of us or many of us anyway are not heavenly minded and I'll tell you this I speak to you as a father I have serious doubts whether some of you will get into God's kingdom at all because your your whole life and interest is on earth and Jesus didn't come to just enable us to live as we like and live in sin and play the pool and come to church and go to heaven when we die that's that's a gospel I will not preach it's not found in the New Testament the gospel is for those who take sin seriously because sin is so

terribly serious that it killed the Son of God how can you not take it seriously how can you not take seriously something that killed the Son of God yeah it's very very serious we gotta hate it like anything

Hebrews chapter 12 verse 22 you have come to Mount Zion to the city of the Living God to the heavenly Jerusalem to myriads of angels and to the general assembly and to the church of the firstborn firstborn is Jesus Christ to the Church of Christ who are enrolled in heaven so here it speaks about a heavenly church that's the church I want to belong to the Church of Christ enrolled in heaven not that your name is on some earthly telephone list but if the church maintains but the Church of Christ enrolled in heaven and you'll come to God who's the judge of everyone and to the spirits of

righteous people there who be made perfect and listen to this and to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant we're not in the Old Covenant now by the way the only way to get to God today is through the New Covenant there is no way of the Old Covenant now to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant and to the sprinkled blood of Christ which speaks better things than the blood of Abel just think of that phrase the sprinkled blood of we have come to this heavenly church to the sprinkled blood of Christ which we ask him to cleanse our sins with which blood speaks better things than the blood of Abel this is the heavenly church this is what it means to be heavenly minded to be cleansed by the blood of Christ which speaks better things than the blood of Abel so let's turn to Genesis 4 and see what the

blood of Abel said the you know the shed blood on the ground we we can't hear any voice from it there is no voice when somebody kills somebody and his blood is shed on the ground there's no voice but God hears a voice you know that see Genesis 4 it says when Cain killed Abel and God said to Cain in verse 9 Genesis 4 where is Abel your brother and here is another line the followers of Satan get his characteristics pretty quickly I don't know I don't know imagine telling a lie to God am I my brother's keeper am I supposed to look after and see where all he is and the Lord says you think you're trying to fool me what have you done now listen to this the voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground Cain couldn't hear it Cain thought he killed the fellow his blood was shed but

the moment the blood hit the ground there was a fantastic trumpet sound going up from the earth to heaven but God heard immediately take revenge on me dead man dead man's blood not only Abel's blood all the people whose blood has been shed by others it's crying out to God one day they'll answer for it like Cain had to answer for it and that is why I say be careful brothers and sisters that you don't hurt others you don't have to shed their blood you can shed people's blood today by words which are worse than daggers the book of Proverbs speaks about people whose words are like daggers the voice of your brother's blood is crying out there are many voices that cry out to God that we don't hear the voice of people we have injured and hurt and cheated he may not even know where they are their

voice is crying out and what did Abel's blood cry out for take vengeance on me for me take vengeance for me against King thousands of years later when Jesus died on the cross his blood hit the ground cried out father forgive them they don't know what they're doing and it says in Hebrews and chapter 12 we have come not to the blood of Abel but to the blood of Jesus I want to ask all of you here whose blood do you expect to cleanse your sin with the blood of Abel or the blood of Christ and I want to say to you in Jesus name those of you who haven't forgiven somebody those of you got a bitterness against someone you are expecting the blood of Abel to forgive your sin it won't forgive your sin because you're crying out for vengeance you're trying out for revenge against the fellow who hurt

you you're hoping some calamity will hit him you're hoping he'll get sick you're hoping that his children will suffer because of some little thing he did to you 20 years ago you haven't come to the blood of Christ at all you have come to the blood of Abel no you're not part of the heavenly church I'm sorry to tell you these things but it's better you know it now it's better you get a scan of your true inner condition now my brother

sister and there are not many churches where you'll get it straight because a lot of them are only interested in your money and we're not we're interested in your soul I remember a brother from another church whom I once visited some years ago and I said brother why do you think we are inviting you to our church we don't want your money keep your membership in

that church give your money in that church just come here to hear the Word of God we're interested in your soul because we know that's more valuable than the whole world Jesus said what shall it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses his soul I'd rather say one soul bring him into God's kingdom then get that man's entire money put into our offering box I don't want to send from him we're interested in saving souls and we believe that if you come to the blood of Abel you will never get into God's kingdom it's the blood of Christ we have come to better things they've come to the blood of Abel this forgiveness is so important now I want to say to whom more is given more will be required we read in the Old Testament of many people who died without forgiving others David for

example the man after God's own heart once there was a man called Shimei who cursed him God he forgave him but he kept it in his mind kept it in his mind and on his deathbed the last words that sound that David spoke we read in 1 Kings chapter 2 is he told Solomon listen that guy Shimei he's been on my mind all these years I know I forgave him and unfortunately I told him I will never kill him I've got to keep my word but Solomon you didn't promise that kill him he's got gray hair don't let that gray hair go to the grave without blood David man after God's own heart you know the next verse after that in 1 Kings 2 and he died what a way to die is David in heaven what do you think I have no doubt he was under the Old Covenant have you read the Psalms most of David's Psalms are Lord smash

those fellows don't let them escape and have you read that most of them some people like to read the Psalms I like I like to read the episodes I'll tell you I like to read the Sermon on the Mount there are some churches and some denominations every Sunday morning they get up and read a song Lord vindicate me smash those fellows and don't let them escape what type of life do you think these people who live after reading that on Sunday morning and going to their homes they think of their wife first of all Lord don't let me give you one example Psalm 137 I'm trying to show you the difference between a earthly life and a heavenly life someone 37 he's talking about the time when the Babylonians came and captured Israel and took them captive to Babylon and this is probably written after they

came back but they had such a bitterness against these Babylonian people for coming and destroying that temple and taking them all to Babylon and making them slaves and this guy has come back after 70 years and this is what he writes alongside the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept we remembered Zion and we hung our harps upon the willows and that our captors made fun of us saying sing one of the songs design how could we sing this long Lord song in a foreign land Oh Jerusalem if I forget you may my right hand forget the skill what shall we do to Babylon then Oh Lord remember what they said we're seven they said destroy Jerusalem destroy its foundation now daughter of Babylon you devastated one how blessed is the man who repays you with the reward with which you repaid us yes blessed is

the one who takes your little babies and smashes their heads on the rocks this isn't the Bible brother this is Old Testament sister don't live there you say then why should we read the Psalms provided it's very good to read it if you understand the enemy now is those little baby sins in your heart take them and smash their heads against the wrong that's the meaning of it and if you didn't know how to read the Psalms till now now you know Lord those little little babies that come up into my heart to speak one rude word one angry word one little lustful smash it against the rock I don't want even those baby sins in my heart such a

person will have no Babylonian child in his life if you don't read the Psalms like that you are an old covenant person you're thinking of some guy who cheated you

and you read the Psalms and delight in the thought that God's gonna smash that fellow you've come to the blood of Abel you see what I'm trying to say is that so many Christians are not heavenly minded at all they don't have the slightest clue about the new covenant all they know is Lord Jesus come into my heart my sins are all forgiven I'm on my way to heaven now I live the rest of my life for myself to make money to get honor and live just like anybody else in the world except that I go to church on Sunday while other people are watching television and then I come and watch television three hours later in the afternoon that's it what's the difference between such people and anybody else in the world it's just a religious whitewash put on for three hours on Sunday God's not fooled the

devil just laughs at the whole thing you may fool others you can probably fool yourself but I believe that as we approach the end of time the Lord is calling us to be heavenly minded to have you know as we approach heaven and we believe we are coming nearer and nearer to the time when we shall spend all eternity with Jesus in heaven I want to be more heavenly minded now I'm not saying you can say brother Zach well that's okay for you you're nearly 70 years old it's good for you to think of heaven little more I want to tell you that's exactly what I felt when I was 20 years old I sought to be heavenly minded I decided to forgive everybody when I was 20 I decided to give my money to God and do with it what he told me to do 50 years ago I wrote in the front of my Bible 50 years ago whom have

I in heaven but you Lord Jesus there's nothing on earth I desire beside you so I'm not telling you something as an old man it's exactly the position I took 50 years ago and I would encourage you live that life from your youth you'll be a very happy man a man full of joy you'll be a woman full of joy when you come to your old age you won't be sour and complaining and bitter and temperamental and have tantrums and get upset and make demands on others all that will disappear you'll become heavenly I've seen some old people even believers who so cranky and so demanding upset when somebody doesn't respect them or upset when somebody doesn't serve them in some way or do something they expect others to do for them upset with their children upset with their sons-in-law daughters-in-law

grandchildren I say Lord please save me from ever ending my life like this why they like that because even though they were believers for so many years they never cleansed themselves from the filthiness of the flesh and spirit they lived an earthly life for years but when they were young they had the self control to keep all those things inside but as they grew older you know like the older people lose their bladder control and other controls they lose their tongue control as well and their feelings control as well and it all comes out and there are no diapers to protect the words that come out of their mouth and their feelings and attitudes like their diapers to protect other things that they don't have control over and all these things come out wrong attitudes because that's how they

lived all their life earthly earthly earthly so I want to say to you young people now is the time to cleanse yourself from earthly mindedness and be heavenly mind is the best life you can live in any case what do you do with such a lot of money far more than what you need tell me what do you do what do you do just think about it and what do you do with all that extra money that's going to left behind when Jesus comes again you have enough to take care of your needs and you have some a little bit of savings for the future that's fine but don't live for that and forgive others it's so very very important now in contrast to this think of another example of a true story I heard of a sister a godly sister who had spent her life cleansing herself from filthiness of the flesh and spirit from

youth and when she was old and senile senile means I don't know the exact definition medically but as you grow older you know you lose sort of like I said earlier you lose control over your feelings and thoughts and everything inside comes out which you can hold it when you're young and here she was when somebody came you know she was lying sick and in the bed in her living alone in her house somebody came to serve her and brought her some food and she said please give it to those people in the sitting room first I need what's left over there was nobody in the sitting that was her way of life always thinking of others first give it to them I need what's left over how did that come out in the old age because that's the way she lived all her life yeah I'll tell you this one day when you

and I get senile what's inside will come out and if you don't fear God at least have a thought for your testimony at that time and live a clean life now it's not the best reason second best reason to live a godly life but it's so very important forgiving others is one of the fundamental requirements of being a heavenly life we want to if you want to build a heavenly Church we must have a heavenly inner life and then we must have second a heavenly home now when I say a heavenly home it does not mean that your partner must be heavenly it does not mean your children must be heavenly it means you must be heavenly that's all yeah you bring the atmosphere of heaven into your home the other people want to be earthly or hellish that's up to them I'm not saying that your whole atmosphere of your

home will be like heaven maybe your wife will be yelling and screaming and your children are worldly and doing all kinds of things on the internet when you're asleep and seeing filthy things that's up to them but you can have a heavenly life there sure don't blame your wife don't blame your husband don't blame anybody else and if you live a heavenly life one day you will influence others too in your home but if you can take a decision brothers and sisters everything depends on a decision I've decided like we sing that song I've decided to follow Jesus the world behind me and the cross before Jesus encouraged people to take a decision he didn't tell people come on stand up quick raise your hand no no no sign this card no you know what Jesus said today's evangelist say come on stand up

raise your hand come forward you know that I don't do that you know what Jesus said he said go home sit down don't stand up sit down count the cost he actually said in Luke 14 sit down and count the cost take your time about it decide but when you decide stick to it it's like getting married don't decide in a hurry think about it think of all the factors involved and then decide and once you decide stick to it that's how Jesus won't call his disciples think about it don't just suddenly raise your hand because some evangelist moved you emotionally to take a decision sit down count the cost and decide I want to be a heavenly minded person I want to encourage you to think about that go home and think about it and say Lord I want to take a serious decision today to really be a heavenly person

on earth I want to speak to my fellow believers exactly like I will speak to them in heaven think if you take that decision from today onwards my wife's a believer she's going to be in heaven with me and I'm going to talk to her just like I would speak to her when I'm in heaven well my husband's a believer she's he's going to be in heaven with me and from now on I'm going to speak to him just like I would speak to him when I'm in heaven because in one sense I'm in heaven already heaven has come down to the Holy Spirit coming into our heart it's a wonderful life it's really a wonderful life I'm surprised that so few people want it what a what fools the devil has made of people that the most wonderful life God purchased for them on Calvary's cross they reject and they choose this cheap

third-rate counterfeit good-for-nothing superficial shiny type of life that the devil offers thinking that that'll make them happy they mess up their life they're miserable and they still don't seem to learn and even

some people who do mess up their life and then turn around they're not radical in their turning around that's a sad thing they're sort of weak turning around okay if you have messed up your life turn around radically from that like the prodigal son say I'm determined I'm gonna get back to my father's house I don't know how many miles he had to walk it says he went to a far country I don't know how many days or weeks he walked starving but many a time he must have been exhausted and tired and says not worth it but he decided he didn't go to his neighbors I'm sure if he went to

one of his neighbors his neighbors would have had pity on him and given him at least one meal a day but he said no I'm gonna go back to dad I'm gonna go back to my dad I don't care how long it takes and I want to say to you my brothers and sisters is a warm welcome awaiting you there if you turn to go back and say Lord I'm sick and tired of living this earthly life I want to go back to my heavenly home that dad that I left many years ago to choose the things of earth I've given it up Lord I want to go back to that heavenly home that my dad's prepared for me take that decision and stick to it you may lose a few things on earth but you'd be a much happier person you remember that story of the man who came to Jesus in Luke chapter 12 when Jesus was speaking something very important about

witnessing for him on the earth Jesus was saying when you stand before rulers verse 11 be my witness be a heavenly minded person on earth the Holy Spirit will tell you in that very hour how to witness for me Luke chapter 12 verse 12 and while he's saying that one man raises a hand Lord I've got a question okay Jesus stops his message will you please tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me dad has died and we're only two of his brothers and he swiped the whole thing he listened to you Jesus what a mistake he made he should have gone to Moses he should have gone to the Pharisees they'd have sorted out his problem they'd have caught that fellow and bashed him up or something and told him to give the property of the big mistake was he went to Jesus don't go to Jesus it's such

problems Lord help me to win this court case somebody wants some money from me my brother's cheated me tell him to give the family property my share at least give it to me brother go to the court don't go to Jesus if you want to go to the court don't go to Jesus he won't help you I tell you he's the same yesterday today and forever if he didn't help this guy there he's not gonna help you today he's talking about how to be a witness for me in the courts and all these guys wondering about his earthly property and Jesus said who asked me who has appointed me as a judge or one to divide property with you he says be on your guard against every form of greed say Lord is it greed to just ask for my share of the property I mean if I want 75% that's greed but we're only two brothers if I ask for

50% is that greed according to heaven's standards it is greed how many of you believe that according to the courts on earth it's not greed it's legal it's right it's righteous but heaven's standards are different even asking for your legitimate share of your family property Jesus called it greed I'm not preaching what I haven't practiced I practiced it in my own case with my family members I practiced it with my wife's case with her family members therefore I have the authority to speak on it I know what I'm talking about to ask for your to even expect your share of your family property is greed I want to be heavenly minded let my brothers cheat me let my brothers-in-law cheat me let anyone it's not gonna make me read Psalm 137 or anything against them no no no I've come to the blood of

Christ father forgive they don't know what a crime they're committing by cheating man of God oh if only they knew what they're gonna face boy forgive them father please forgive them I don't know anything else thing it's a terrible sin but they don't even know it see that's what this chap should have done but he didn't do that it's not only our attitude towards forgiveness it's our attitude to money it's another thing that the

Lord delivers us from changes our attitude when we become heavenly minded and I believe that that's another area where you find many Christians do not want God to change their attitude you let me let me ask you all a straight question do you really want Almighty God you want the Lord Jesus to change your present attitude to money tell him yes or no and I'm talking to

young people for me to say that at my age with my children all married yes it doesn't mean much and I tell you I would not have the authority to say this to do you today if I did not say exactly the same thing when I was 21 years old I wouldn't have the authority I mean there are people who live for the world live for the world when they get 70 years old they say okay Lord Jesus no I've got no one on earth but you well that's a good thing to say when at least I hope you'll take care of me that's not the way save when you're 20 Lord I've got nothing on earth but you I'm gonna live only for you some of you who are much older listening to me say oh brother Zach I feel exactly like that I have nothing but Jesus my children have forsaken me I'm living in a wall by myself old

man old woman I only but Jesus it doesn't mean anything what did you say when you were 20 years old when you were a believer that's the important question what did you say when you were healthy and strong did you go to Jesus and say Lord I've desired nothing on earth but you then you would have had a ministry today but there you live for the world dear young people don't be like that don't be like that I want you folks to grow up and have a ministry for God every single year of your life even if you live up to the age of 90 I want that but you won't have that authority if you don't start now say Lord I want you to completely change my attitude to money because I see that money is the one thing that the devil uses to control so many people they're thinking their mind is thinking thinking

thinking now I'm not saying we shouldn't be wise I've always taught people give back whatever you've stolen pay all your debts as early as possible don't wait for the price of gold to go up sell it now and clear your debts because the price of gold will keep on going up you'll never clear your debts that way sell it now clear your debts best is never getting to death except you know if you're taking a loan for your house your house is there are you taking a loan for your car or something the car is there that's okay there's something on the equivalent of that but other type of debts avoid it I know people in one of our churches who've got took a borrowed money to have a grand wedding they were in debt for years I don't know they have still cleared it just to get honor from their

unconverted relatives that we had a fantastic wedding you know what I call such people spiritual idiots I said why didn't you spend that money to buy something make life comfortable for your wife at home like a refrigerator or something instead of seeking honor from these unconverted worldly people be sensible so clear your debts pay back everything that's taken wrong for you and live simply according to your income that's that's not that's being heavenly minded and save something for the future I've heard people in CFC who say no I trust God like George Muller and ten years later when they have a huge hospital bill brother the doctors are saying so much for the hospital bill and we have to take a collection for them in the church because they wanted to live like George Muller when you

don't have the faith of George Muller live like yourself save for the future go to the ant the Bible says and learn that it knows that in winter it won't get grain so it saves up in the summer and stores it so that one day when there's a need there's enough do you live like that then you got it at least the brain of an ant that's what the Bible is saying so those are the things I teach be wise be careful in the expenditure of money and don't live for it don't let your mind always be thinking I'm getting more and more and more and more and more let your mind be at rest in God you honor you follow these principles and I tell you he'll

take care of you that again I'm speaking from 50 years of experience I have the authority to say I have to the best of my knowledge thought God's kingdom

first in his righteousness from the time I was converted till this day I can say that I've never gone anywhere to make money not even as a preacher I can stand before God as I stand before him now and I can say that I haven't starved my children haven't started why do I say this I'm saying Jesus has helped me to be a testimony to you and you can be a testimony to other people if you say Lord I want to live a heavenly life on this earth it says in Revelation 21 21 the streets of heaven are lined with gold and I like that a heavenly minded person has put gold under his feet there is gold in heaven but it's under the feet under the feet and that's what I wanted to be on earth so we can read about heaven and say Lord I want that type of life in in me right now where in heaven they don't have

any bitterness or jealousy against anyone I don't have any and there's no hard feelings no grudges and gold is under our feet it is there but it's under our feet money is a wonderful servant and if you have plenty of it great it's like having many servants in the house it's good to have many servants in the house if you can afford it it makes life easier for you but don't let any of them become your master that's what I say don't let any of them sit on top of your head and rule you and I want to say this finally when you stand before the Lord when he comes again and that'll be pretty soon you won't have any regret if you live like this and not only that in your earthly days you would have been the salt of the small part of the earth that you lived in you would have given a taste to heaven

of heaven to a few people you came in touch with and for this there is only one way Jesus said everybody has to be salted with fire you read that verse everybody's going to be salted with fire it's the fire of the Holy Spirit that makes us the salt of the earth there is only one way that I can be the salt of the earth I had to be salted with fire the fire of the Holy Spirit must fill me and burn up you know the attachment to earthly things so that I use earthly things I make them my servants I still use them but none of them will be my master live like that let's pray and while I heads about in prayer I said I'm not asking you to raise your hands or any such thing I'm asking you to go home sit down and count the cost is it worth it to live the rest of your life the way you live till now

or is it better that you live the way Jesus lived on this earth sit down count the cost and take a decision and may you have no regrets in eternity Heavenly Father help us each one we pray to live according the light of your Word we know that you always plan the best for us you seek the very best for us thank you in Jesus name

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