

THE INWARD MAN



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[Encyclopedias - International Standard Bible Encyclopedia - Inward Man](#)

INWARD MAN - in'-werd:

A Pauline term, nearly identical with the "hidden man of the heart" ([1 Peter 3:4](#)). The Greek original, *ho eso* (also *esothen*) *anthropos* ([Romans 7:22](#)) is lexicographically defined "the internal man," i.e. "soul," "conscience." It is the immaterial part of man--mind, spirit--in distinction from the "outward man" which "perishes" ([2 Corinthians 4:16](#) the King James Version). As the seat of spiritual influences it is the sphere in which the Holy Spirit does His renewing and saving work ([Ephesians 3:16](#)). ... Briefly stated, it is mind, soul, spirit--God's image in man--man's higher nature, intellectual, moral, and spiritual.

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26.1 ὁ ἔσω (ἄνθρωπος); ὁ ἐν τῷ κρυπτῷ (ἄνθρωπος):
(idioms, literally ‘the inner person’ and ‘the hidden person’) the psychological faculty, including intellectual, emotional, and spiritual aspects, in contrast with the purely physical aspects of human existence—‘the inner being, the inmost being, inwardly.’

ὁ ἔσω (ἄνθρωπος): συνήδομαι γὰρ τῷ νόμῳ τοῦ θεοῦ κατὰ τὸν ἔσω ἄνθρωπον ‘for in my inner being I delight in God’s law’ **Ro 7:22**; ἀλλ’ εἰ καὶ ὁ ἔξω ἡμῶν ἄνθρωπος διαφθείρεται, ἀλλ’ ὁ ἔσω ἡμῶν ἀνακαινοῦται ἡμέρα καὶ ἡμέρα ‘but if our physical being is decaying, yet our inner being is renewed day by day’ **2 Cor 4:16**.



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1 Samuel 16:7 (NKJV)

7 But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For *the Lord* does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

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Psalm 51:6 (NKJV)

6 Behold, You
desire truth in the
inward parts, And
in the hidden *part*
You will make me
to know wisdom.

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Romans 2:29 (NKJV)

²⁹ but *he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God.*

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Romans 7:22 (NKJV)

22 For I delight in
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1 Peter 3:3–4 (NKJV)

³ Do not let your adornment be *merely outward*—arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on *fine* apparel—⁴ rather *let it be* the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible *beauty* of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.

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Psalm 62:4 (NKJV)

4 They only consult to cast *him* down from his high position; They delight in lies; They bless with their mouth, But they curse inwardly. Selah

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Matthew 7:15 (NKJV)

15 “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.

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Luke 11:39 (NKJV)

39 Then the Lord said to him, "Now you Pharisees make the outside of the cup and dish clean, but your inward part is full of greed and wickedness.

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2 Corinthians 4:16 (NKJV)

¹⁶ Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward *man* is being renewed day by day.

Our spirits are heading for eternity / Our flesh is heading towards the dust



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Galatians 6:7–8 (NKJV)

⁷ Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. ⁸ For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

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1 John 2:15–17 (NKJV)

¹⁵ Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that *is* in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.

¹⁷ And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.



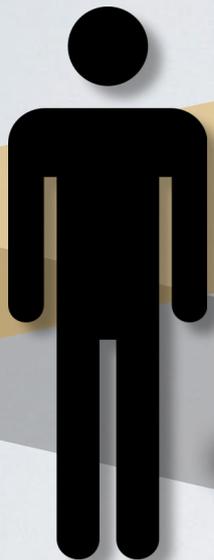
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HADES: *Temp. Abode of Departed Spirits*

Mat 7:13,14



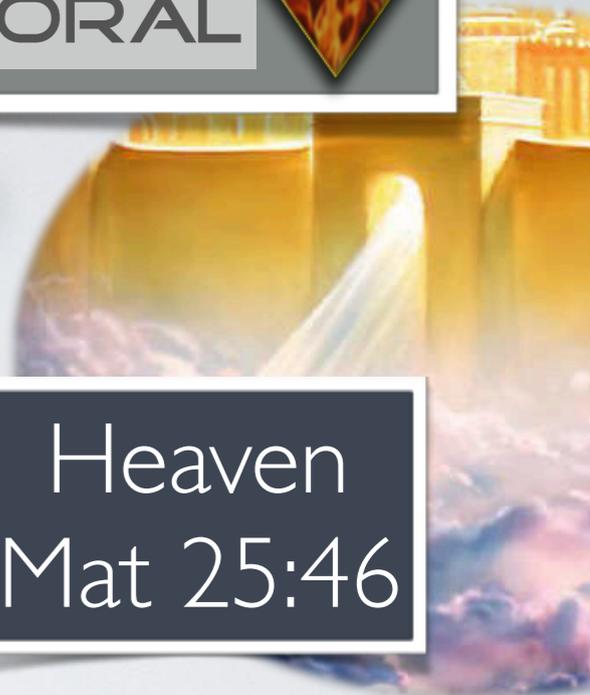
Soul of the righteous

Paradise



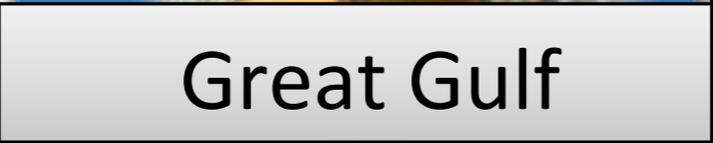
Jesus & Thief
Lazarus -
Luke 16:19-31

Heaven
Mat 25:46



Soul of the unrighteous

Great Gulf



JUDGMENT

2 Cor 5:10

Eccl. 12:7

Rich man



Torment

Hell
Mat 25:41



Body to the grave

Resurrection
John 5:28,29



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WHERE ARE OUR PRIORITIES & VALUES?



**Are the things
you value most:**

Material &
Temporary?

OR

Spiritual &
eternal?



Matthew 6:19–24 (NKJV)

¹⁹ “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ²² “The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. ²³ But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness! ²⁴ “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.



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- Our treasure is that which we value most - seek the most - desire the most.
- Lying before each of us is the choice between earth & heaven - physical & spiritual - flesh & spirit - temporal & eternal.
- We will & must choose one or the other!



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- The rich young ruler — Matthew 19:21-22
- The certain rich man whom God called a fool — Luke 12:16-21
- Demas, who forsook Paul, (and the Lord) for the world — 2 Timothy 4:10
- Hypocritical Jewish leaders who loved the praises of men — Matthew 6:1-18; 23



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Ecclesiastes 5:15–16 (NKJV)

¹⁵ As he came from his mother's womb, naked shall he return, To go as he came; And he shall take nothing from his labor Which he may carry away in his hand. ¹⁶ And this also is a severe evil— Just exactly as he came, so shall he go. And what profit has he who has labored for the wind?



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1 Timothy 6:6–8 (NKJV)

⁶ Now godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷ For we brought nothing into *this* world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

⁸ And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content.



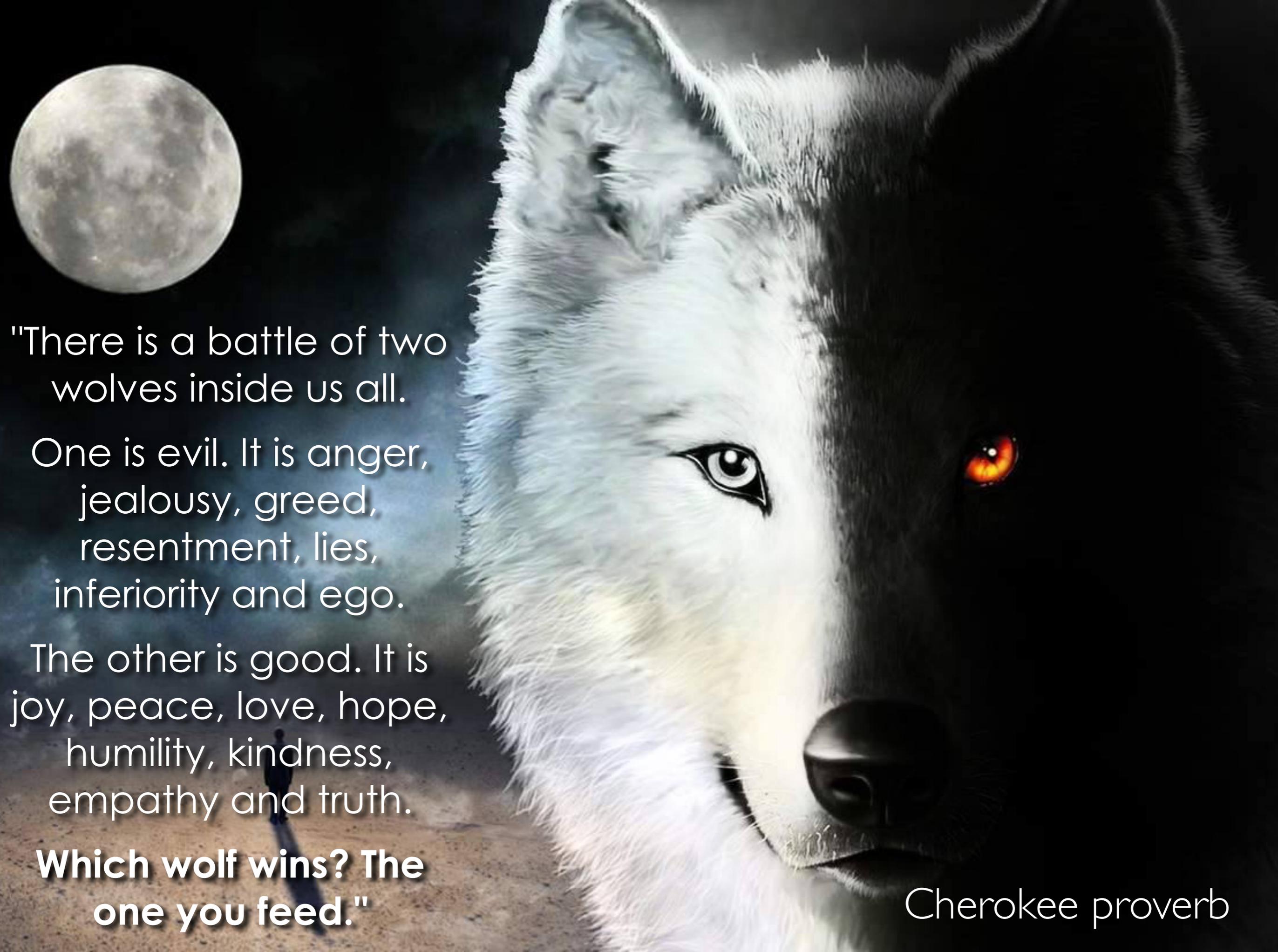
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Colossians 3:1–4 (NKJV)

¹ If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. ² Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. ³ For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ *who is our life* appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.



"There is a battle of two
wolves inside us all.

One is evil. It is anger,
jealousy, greed,
resentment, lies,
inferiority and ego.

The other is good. It is
joy, peace, love, hope,
humility, kindness,
empathy and truth.

**Which wolf wins? The
one you feed."**

Cherokee proverb



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Things which nourish us spiritually & produces spiritual growth



- We must learn to cherish the things of heaven, things that have to do with our spiritual relationships & responsibilities. (Mark 12:29,30; Mat 6:33)
- If we TRULY treasure spiritual things - our affections, concerns, efforts and time will be devoted to spiritual things!
- WHERE IS YOUR HEART???



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Proverbs 4:20–23 (NKJV)

²⁰ My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. ²¹ Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart; ²² For they are life to those who find them, And health to all their flesh. ²³ Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it *spring* the issues of life.



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- Bible reading & study,
- Attending worship services and wholeheartedly participating,
- Prayer - (praise & thanksgiving)
- Serving - laboring in the kingdom
- Associating with spiritually minded people.



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- Our primary intake must supplement our greatest need – i.e., a right relationship with God! — Deut 8:3; 2 Tim 2:15
- Our time, energy, and effort should be Focused upon establishing, strengthening and solidifying this relationship! — 2 Pet 1:5-11



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Romans 12:1–2 (NKJV)

¹ I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is your reasonable service.* ² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Ephesians 3:14–19 (NKJV)

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, ¹⁶ that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit **in the inner man**, ¹⁷ that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may be able to comprehend with all the saints what *is* the width and length and depth and height—¹⁹ to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.



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Matthew 16:24–26 (NKJV)

²⁴ Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. ²⁵ For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. ²⁶

For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?



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- **Hear** - The word of God - Luke 8:11; Rom 10:17
- **Believe** in Christ — Jn 8:24
- **Repent** — Luke 13:3,5
- **Confess** Jesus — Rom 10:9,10
- **Be baptized** in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins — Mk 16:16; Acts 2:38
- **Continue** following Jesus — becoming conformed to His image — 2 Col. 3:18



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One day this life on earth will end
You will either regret for eternity your
priorities in this life or you will be
eternally happy that you put God first
If your life ended today - which
would it be for you?

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PSALM 51:10-19 (NKJV)

¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me. ¹¹ Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. ¹² Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And uphold me by Your generous Spirit. ¹³ *Then* I will teach transgressors Your ways, And sinners shall be converted to You. ¹⁴ Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, The God of my salvation, *And* my tongue shall sing aloud of Your righteousness.

PSALM 51:10-19 (NKJV)

¹⁵ O Lord, open my lips, And my mouth shall show forth Your praise. ¹⁶ For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give *it*; You do not delight in burnt offering. ¹⁷ The sacrifices of God *are* a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart— These, O God, You will not despise. ¹⁸ Do good in Your good pleasure to Zion; Build the walls of Jerusalem. ¹⁹ Then You shall be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, With burnt offering and whole burnt offering; Then they shall offer bulls on Your altar.