

Real Living

“Help us to live better in the future  
than we have in the past”

- Paul knew how to live – Ph.1:12
- Paul passed it on – 1 Th.4:1-2
- Most don't make it – Mt.7:13-14

Question:

What motivates real living?

# I. Eternal Soul (timeless treasure)

# We protect expensive items

- House, car...
- Mt.10:28, soul contrasts with body

Soul more valuable than body

Soul / body more valuable than world

- Lk.16, rich man
- Mt.16:24-26, why self-denial?
- One soul; one life... Lk.18

Cost

Eternity

I. Eternal Soul (timeless treasure)

**II. Edification Role  
(continuing education)**

# Encouragement: never underestimate power of words

- Gn.1 . . . (Ja.3:5)
- Hb.10:24

## Example: Christian is gospel on display

- Ga.1:24, *they glorified God because of me*
- Ac.20:....18, Paul's reminder
- 2 Co.9:13, even Jewish brothers?
- 1 Tim.4:12, life vs lips?

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**III. End Goal  
(expiration date)**

# We won't be here very long

- 1 Sam.26:10
- Hb.9:27

Nothing between us and death

Nothing between death  
and Judgment

- Ja.4:13-17



I. Eternal Soul (timeless treasure)

II. Edification Role (continuing education)

III. End Goal (continuing education)

**IV. Emotional Control  
(get a grip**

## Emotions: *terrible* guide

- Feelings change . . . 1 Co.5. Hb.12:5

## Emotions: *terrific* motivation

- 1 Jn.4:19

- Ro.5:8 ...has shown us how much... (L-N)

- 2 Co.5:14 Love **controls** us. Mary

- 2 Co.5:15 Love **conducts** us. Romans

# We live for Him Who died for us

- Negative emotions affect us. Jn.20
- Positive emotions affect us. Gal.2:20

**11** For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, **12** teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age – Tit.2:12

- Grace is a moving, motivational teacher...
- Grace begets grace...

# The truth

“The life of every man is a diary in which he means to write one story and writes another; and his humblest hour is when he **compares** the volume as it is with what he **hoped** to make it” – James M. Barrie

<sup>13</sup> “Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead,  
<sup>14</sup> I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus” – Ph.3.