

## SEEKING THE RIGHT THINGS IN LIFE

*Intro.*

- I. ALL men are seeking something in life.
  - A. Most people are busy seeking the WRONG things in life.
    1. Those who seek after PLEASURE are going to find death.
      - a. Imminent pleasures bring death if they are not under the control of the mind, and are secondary to spiritual things.
      - b. Sinful pleasures bring spiritual death immediately, and oftentimes bring physical death, and ultimately will bring eternal death. Ro.6:23; Pr.23:29-34...
    2. Then, those who seek after TREASURE (material wealth) above a relationship with God, will not only lose their wealth, but their souls as well. Lk.12:13-21; 1Ti.6:9f, 17-19; Mt.6:24
      - a. Judas lost his soul for 30 pieces of silver.
      - b. The rich man of Luke 16 lost his soul for the riches of this world. (Lk.16:19-31); cf Mt.16:26; 19:16-22...
  - B. FEW (compared to the many) will seek after the right things of life. Mt.7:13f
- II. For WHAT should one seek in life?

*Discussion*

### **I. 1<sup>st</sup>, one should seek after GOD.**

- A. It is not uncommon to hear people talking about FINDING God in various ways and places.
  1. They usually describe some emotionally religious experiences as one in which they say they “found God”.
  2. To some, the NT means very little, as long as the FEEL GOOD, and give lip-service to the existence of God.
- B. The wise individuals truly seek after God, with a readiness to DO whatever God requires of him. Eccl.12:1, 13f; Isa.55:6

### **II. 2<sup>nd</sup>, one should seek after the THINGS of God.**

- A. 1<sup>st</sup>, this involves the **kingdom** of God. Mt.6:33
  1. The kingdom IS the church. Mt.16:18f; He.12:23,28
  2. Some say they want God, but not the church.
    - a. True, God is not found in churches founded by MEN. Mt.15:9,13f
    - b. But, though the church is not the SAVIOR, it does consist ONLY of those who are IN the church Jesus founded. Ac.2:40f,47; Ep.5:23
- B. 2<sup>nd</sup>, seeking the things of God involves seeking His **righteousness**. Mt.6:33
  1. Primarily, this involves our being MADE righteous through the gospel and the blood of Jesus. Ro.1:16f; Ac.22:16; Rev.1:5
  2. Then, we are to engage in righteous CONDUCT, befitting of righteous people. 2Co.6:14; Tit.2:11; Rev.19:7-9

### **III. 3<sup>Rd</sup>, one should seek after ETERNAL LIFE. Ro.2:7**

A. Eternal life is the climax of a Christian life that will be rewarded in the day of judgment.

B. If we truly seek GOD, His KINGDOM, and RIGHTEOUSNESS, we will finally have eternal life. Tit.1:2

#### *Conclusion*

I. IF we put God, His Kingdom, and Righteousness FIRST in our lives, the other "things" will take care of themselves. Mt.6:33

A. If we have put first things first, we will be better qualified to seek the other things that pertain to this life.

B. Our efforts will involve honest labor and principles that we will learn as people of God.

II. Exhortation.