

Jesus: Worth the Cost

The fact is this -- it costs your life to follow Jesus. It is an expensive price tag. But many people across time have found the cost worth it. You may or may not agree with everything the church says and does. But at some point you have to negotiate for yourself if Jesus is worth the cost. Below are some questions that you should sit down and answer for yourself. Then read the passages below. Compare your answers to the words of Jesus. At the end of the day, you must answer for yourself if Jesus is worth your life.

If Jesus were to analyze your life, what would he say your 'treasure' is?

Considering this past week, is your 'bank' on earth or in heaven?

What causes you the most worry?

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble. *Matthew 6:19-21, 25-34 ESV*

What can you do this week to make your bank in heaven instead of on earth?

What is one thing you can do in the coming week to 'seek first his kingdom and his righteousness'?

Being able to know Jesus is worth anything that you can give. The book of Romans talks about giving our lives as living offerings to Christ, because it's the reasonable thing to do. It may not seem reasonable right out front, I mean, my life is MINE! But, Christ gave *His* life for us, so in return we can do the same. And again, the rewards that we get when we give our lives to Him are worth more than we could ever dream!

PRAYER: Jesus, I realize you really *are* worth giving my life to, but there are other times when I'm more comfortable just keeping things as they are. Help me as I search You and seek after You and what it looks like to give my life to You. Show me the truth of Your Word and help me to know the decisions You would have me make for the life You would have me live. Thank You, Jesus for who you are! Amen.