

Lord, What is Really Important in Life?

"She looks well to how things go in her household, and the bread of idleness [gossip, discontent and self-pity] she will not eat." Proverbs 31:27 Amplified

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As you all know, we live in a busy stressful world where it is easy to get our priorities out of order. It is easy to lose sight of what is really important in life. Our career, the size of our house, the car we drive, the clothes we wear, our recreation and hobbies can rob us of our marriage and children. We can be working so hard for the things of this world that we lose sight of what is important to God, and that is families that glorify Him. John 10:10 (NAS) reads, *"The thief comes only to steal, kill, and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."* Fathers and mothers, we need to follow the example of this lady in Proverbs 31:27 and look well to how things go in our household. Our love for this world and its pleasures allow Satan to come into our lives like a thief and steal our time, energy and affection from our mate and children. It kills and destroys our families.

All around us are houses, but few of them are homes. The more we seek to satisfy the lust of our flesh, the lust of our eyes and the pride of life, the higher our divorce rate becomes, and greater becomes the teen suicide, abortion, drugs, alcohol and gang violence.

Before my husband put his trust in Christ as his Savior, he was a workaholic. He worked long hours on his job. On evenings and weekends he worked on our yard, the house, and the car. After he became a believer, God's

amazing grace showed him what was important to God: 1) daily time with God, 2) our marriage and family, 3) relationships, 4) lost souls, and 5) discipling believers. He is still a good worker at his job, he still works on our house, yard and car; however, God changed his order of importance.

Before I became a believer in Christ, I thought that material goods and pleasures of this world would give me the security and fulfillment for which I longed. I was wrong. I was really wrong. The lust of my flesh, the lust of my eyes, and the pride of life would never be satisfied. There would be an excitement about possessing something new or some new pleasure, but it didn't last long, and I would soon feel empty and insecure again. When I became a believer, God's amazing grace started to deliver and set me free. As I spent time daily reading and obeying God's Word and building my relationship with Jesus Christ, the things of this world became less and less important to me. I found my security and fulfillment in a close relationship with Jesus Christ.

Beloved, can I ask you today what is important to you? Is it glorifying Jesus and your family? Or is it the things of this world? Can I ask you today, what is important in life to you?

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