

When Good Things Aren't Good

We understand faith – Now what?

Hebrews 12:1-2, 11:13-16

We have to change all of life's **PRICE TAGS** & **PRIORITIES**.

- ✓ Our motivation is **JESUS**, not earthly **JUNK**.
Hebrews 12:2-3
- ✓ Get rid of any **SIN** that is holding us back.
Hebrews 12:1
- ✓ Get rid of even the **GREAT** things
that keep us from **GOD** things.
Hebrews 12:1
- ✓ Remember that **CHRISTIANITY** is a call to live
DIFFERENTLY.
Hebrews 11:13-16, Matthew 5:11-16, 1 Peter 1:13-16, Philippians 2:14-16,
2 Corinthians 5:17, Ephesians 4:22-24
- ✓ When making decisions, always choose **KINGDOM**
over **CULTURE**.

Faith without a new focus guarantees...

Hebrews 12:2, Galatians 6:7-10

- We will become **WEARY**
- We will **LOSE HEART**

Food for Thought for the week of June 10, 2018
(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

This weekend Chris talked about our call to live differently from our culture and those around us who aren't living for Jesus. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus taught a similar message. For each of the passages below, write down the two different types of behaviors Jesus talks about in each one.

Matthew 5:21-26 New International Version (NIV)

Murder

²¹ "You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' ²² But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, 'Raca,' is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell.

²³ "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.

²⁵ "Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. ²⁶ Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.

Matthew 5:27-30 New International Version (NIV)

Adultery

²⁷ "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' ²⁸ But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹ If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.

Matthew 5:38-42 New International Version (NIV)

Eye for Eye

³⁸ "You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.' ³⁹ But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. ⁴⁰ And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. ⁴¹ If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. ⁴² Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.

Matthew 5:43-48 New International Version (NIV)

Love for Enemies

⁴³“You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. ⁴⁶ If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? ⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Matthew 6:19-24 New International Version (NIV)

Treasures in Heaven

¹⁹“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

²²“The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. ²³ But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

²⁴“No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

Now go back and answer the following questions for each passage above:

1. What does living differently in this area of my life look like?
2. What are the biggest hurdles I am facing in living life differently in this area?
3. Do I need to make any changes in my life to live differently in this area? If so, where can I find help to make those changes?