

Summer Stimulus Package

Message #8 "Soul Health Care"

Matt. 16:24-28 & Survey

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"What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul?
Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?"

Big Idea: By its very nature, that which is of high value demands great care. Many times how we treat something is indicative of the value we place on it.

SOUL CARE

1. _____ **your soul**- _____.

1 John 1:8-10

"If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we claim we have not sinned, we make Him out to be a liar and His word has no place in our lives."

Soul cleaning includes two important aspects:

C _____ = A _____

R _____ = R _____ to obedience

See Psalm 32 "When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. ⁴ For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer." Psalm 32:3-4

Regular Cleaning Agents:

The _____ Heb. 4:12-13

"For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. ¹³ Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of Him to whom we must give account."

The impact of _____ Heb. 10:23-25

"Do not be misled: 'Bad company corrupts good character.'" 1 Cor. 15:33

Regular times of _____ John 4:23-24

"Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. ²⁴ God is spirit, and His worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth."

Fostering a God directed _____ Luke 15:1-2

"Now the tax collectors and the 'sinners' were all gathering around to hear Him. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, 'This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.'"

2. _____ **your soul**. 1 Cor. 16:13, 1 Tim. 6:20, 2 Tim. 1:14, 2 Peter 3:17-18

"Be on guard! Be alert!" Mark 13:33

Three Sources of Soul Attack

A. *The world- means* _____.

1 John 2:15-17 "Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For everything in the world-the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does-comes not from the Father but from the world. 17 The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever."

B. *The flesh- means* _____.

1 Peter 2:11-13 "Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul. 12 Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day He visits us."

C. *The Devil. Eph. 6:10-13, 1 Peter 5:9*

*"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the power of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms."
Eph 6:10-12*

3. _____ **your soul.**

"It's amazing, when our soul is fatigued, that people become a burden rather than a blessing and problems are obstacles rather than opportunities." Pastor Phil

"He leads me beside the quiet waters, He restores my soul..." Psalm 23:2-3

"Be still, and know that I am God..." Psalm 46:10