

# iBelong

## A Study on Stewardship

*You are not your own;  
you were bought at a price.*  
*1 Corinthians 6:19-20*

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Week 10: A Life Worth Living

### **“JESUS IS LORD OF MY LIFE” MEANS MY LIFE BELONGS TO HIM**

#### ***Galatians 2:20***

*20 I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*

- ◆ My money is not my own, it is Christ's
  - ◆ My time is not my own, it is Christ's
  - ◆ My body is not my own, it is Christ's
  - ◆ My life is not my own, it is Christ's
- ◆ **My life is found in Christ, and the purpose for my life is to Glorify God**

#### ***Isaiah 43:6-7***

*6 ...Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth —  
7 everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."*



## DON'T BE FOOLED BY SATAN'S OLDEST DECEPTION

### **Genesis 3:1-5**

1 [the serpent] said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

2 The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, 3 but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"

4 "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman. 5 "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

- ◆ **The oldest deception: I must choose between glorifying God and pursuing happiness**
- ◆ **The truth: my greatest joy is found in God, and God is most glorified in me when I delight most in Him.**
- ◆ **The passionate pursuit of God's Glory and the passionate pursuit of my joy are the same pursuit**

### **Psalms 43:3-4 NLT**

3 Send out your light and your truth; let them guide me. Let them lead me to your holy mountain, to the place where you live.

4 There I will go to the altar of God, to **God—the source of all my joy**. I will praise you with my harp, O God, my God!

### **Psalms 37:4 NLT**

4 Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you your heart's desires.

"Now we see that in creating us for his glory, he is creating us for our highest joy. He is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in him."

--John Piper, *Don't Waste Your Life*

## STEWARD YOUR LIFE SO THAT IT IS A LIFE WORTH LIVING

- ◆ **Stewarding my time, my money, my body, my life to bring Glory to God is the path to greatest joy and the key to living a life worth living.**

### **Philippians 3:8-9**

8 Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ 9 and become one with him.

### **1 Corinthians 10:31**

31 So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

### **Acts 20:24 NLT**

24 But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God.

- ◆ **We glorify God together when we steward our lives so as to join in Christ's cause of seeking and saving the lost — people who are trying to find life apart from Christ .**

### **John 17:3-4**

3 Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. 4 I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do.

### **Isaiah 26:8**

8 Yes, Lord, walking in the way of your laws, we wait for you;  
**Your name and renown are the desire of our hearts.**

A Family with a Purpose: **To Glorify God**  
by Proclaiming the Message of Jesus  
Doing the Works of Jesus  
and Demonstrating the Love of Jesus