

V34 JESUS SAYS DO NOT THINK THAT I CAME TO BRING PEACE ON EARTH I DID COME TO BRING PEACE BUT A SWORD THIS INDICATES THAT THE GOSPEL IS A DIVIDER OF PEOPLE CHRIST IS THE PRINCE OF PEACE AND THE GOSPEL IS THE MESSAGE OF PEACE BUT WHEN PEOPLE ARE DELIVERED FROM THE KINGDOM OF DARKNESS AND ARE TRANSFERRED TO THE KINGDOM OF LIGHT IT CAUSES DIVISION BECAUSE DARKNESS HATES THE LIGHT COL 1:13-14

V35-36 THE SEPARATION CAN BE BETWEEN THOSE CLOSEST TO YOU THE MEMBERS OF YOUR OWN HOUSEHOLD CAN TURN AGAINST YOU YOUR SALVATION DOES AFFECT YOUR RELATIONSHIP TO OTHERS 2COR 2:15-16

V37 OUR LOVE FOR GOD MUST BE GREATER THAN OUR LOVE FOR FAMILY SOMETIMES FOLLOWING CHRIST CAN COST YOU YOUR FAMILY WHATEVER YOU LOVE MORE THAN GOD IS YOUR GOD FOLLOWING JESUS CAN COST YOU YOUR LIFE

V38 YOU CANNOT SERVE CHRIST UNLESS YOU ARE WILLING TO DIE TO SELF IT IS NOT ABOUT YOU IF YOU ARE UNWILLING TO LET THINGS GO TO FOLLOW CHRIST THAN YOU ARE NOT WORTHY TO BE HIS DISCIPLE

V39 TO SAVE OUR LIVES MEANS TO LOSE THEM WHICH IS DYING TO SELF AND TO LOSE OUR LIVES FOR HIS SAKE MEANS WE FIND OUR LIVES IF IT IS ABOUT KNOWING LOVING AND SERVING GOD WE SAVE IT

THE APOSTLE PAUL UNDERSTOOD THIS GAL 2:20 HE LIVED THE CRUCIFIED LIFE IN PHILIPPIANS 1:21 PAUL SAID FOR ME TO LIVE IS CHRIST AND TO DIE IS GAIN

OUR LIVES ARE TO BE HOLY LIVING SACRIFICES ROM 12:1-2 WHICH IS YOUR SPIRITUAL SERVICE OF WORSHIP THE CRUCIFIED LIFE IS THE LIFE THAT WORSHIPS GOD WE ARE TO WORSHIP GOD WITH OUR LIVES

THIS BLOWS THE HEALTH AND WEALTH GOSPEL RIGHT OUT OF THE WATER THE RICH YOUNG RULER IS A PERFECT EXAMPLE OF THIS MATT 19:16-30

ARE YOU STORING UP YOUR TREASURES ON EARTH OR IN HEAVEN ARE YOU LIVING IN THE LIGHT OF ETERNITY OR IS YOUR HEART STILL BOUND TO THE THINGS OF THIS EARTH

THE LIFE GOD GAVE YOU IS HIS GIFT TO YOU AND WHAT YOU DO WITH THAT LIFE IS YOUR GIFT TO GOD HE DOES NOT JUST WANT PART OF YOUR LIFE HE WANTS YOUR WHOLE LIFE YOUR WHOLE HEART

2 TIM 3:12 INDEED ALL WHO DESIRE TO LIVE GODLY IN CHRIST JESUS WILL BE PERSECUTED THE BRIGHTER YOUR LIGHT SHINES THE MORE LIKELY YOU ARE TO BE PERSECUTED

JAMES 1:2-4 JAMES SAYS WE ARE TO CONSIDER IT ALL JOY WHEN WE ENCOUNTER VARIOUS TRIALS OUR TRIALS REVEAL OUR HEARTS TO US GOD ALREADY KNOWS OUR HEARTS

THOSE WHO BELONG TO GOD ARE HIS WORKMANSHIP THE TESTING OF YOUR FAITH PRODUCES ENDURANCE AND LET ENDURANCE HAVE ITS PERFECT RESULT SO THAT YOU MAY BE PERFECT AND COMPLETE LACKING NOTHING WHEN OUR FAITH IS TESTED IT REVEALS OUR HEARTS

DO YOU REMEMBER JOB AND HIS TRIALS JOB 1:21-22 HE LOST EVERYTHING AND HE SAID NAKED I CAME FROM MY MOTHERS WOMB AND NAKED I WILL RETURN THE LORD GAVE AND THE LORD HAS TAKEN AWAY BLESSED BE THE NAME OF THE LORD

JOB 1:22 THROUGH ALL THIS JOB DID NOT SIN NOR DID HE BLAME GOD HE WAS GOD'S WORKMANSHIP GOD PROVED TO SATAN THAT JOB WAS HIS WORKMANSHIP HE ENDURED TO THE END

ROM 8:28 WE KNOW THAT GOD CAUSES ALL THINGS TO WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD TO THOSE WHO LOVE GOD TO THOSE WHO ARE CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE WE ARE BEING CONFORMED TO THE IMAGE OF HIS SON WHO ENDURED TO HIS TRIAL TO THE END