

It is important to ensure fellowship with God before the study of the Word.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9).

Isaiah 55:11 So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; it will not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.

Matthew 10:39 “He who has found his life will lose it,”

➤ **He who has found** - ὁ εὕρων from εὕρισκω - HEURISKO

- To obtain something after pursuing it
- To find something that you have sought after

➤ **Life** - ψυχή – PSUCHE – “Soul; soul life or earthly life”

“He who has found his life” - refers to a person who has accomplished or obtained that which he has sought after.

- He has pursued that which he desired to do and accomplished it.
- He is all he desired to be.
- He has traveled wherever he wanted to go.

This man will lose his life!

➤ **Lose** - ἀπόλλυμι – APOLLUMI –

- to lose
- to destroy
- to ruin

A ruined life is worthless!

POD: The one who pursues his life [does whatever he wants to do] as opposed to the life that God has prepared for him will lose it.

James 4:13 Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, and spend a year there and engage in business and make a profit.”

- There is no humility.
- No recognition of the rightful ownership of Christ
- No submission to the authority of Christ
- No inquiring of the Lord through prayer

POD: Where there is no prayer [seeking the Lord’s will and wisdom] there is no submission to authority.

James 4:16 But as it is, you boast in your arrogance; all such boasting is evil.

Matthew 10:39 He who has found his life will lose it, and he who has lost his life for My sake will find it.

He who has lost – **“The one who has lost his life”**

- If you have lost your life it means that you do not have it anymore.
- If you do not have it, it means that you gave it away to someone else.
- Not for just anyone’s sake – **“for My sake”**
- **ἐνεκα + ἐγώ – HENEKA plus EGO**

- *on account of Me*
- *because of Me*
- *for My sake*

Have you ever met someone who has lost their life for the sake of their boss or company they work for?

- The company consumes their life.
- The company controls their life.
- The company dictates their life.
- That person is miserable!

→ **Workaholic**
→ **Controlling**
→ **Obsession**
→ **Frustrated**
→ **Irritated**

What if they lost their life for the sake of Christ?

- They would fulfill His plan for their life.
- They would follow His lead.
- Do you think they would be miserable?
- God’s plan is perfect, acceptable, and pleasing.

POD: Losing your life is tantamount to handing it over to the Lord and pursuing what He has prepared for you.

Exodus 21:5 ‘I love my master, my wife and my children; I will not go out as a free man,’

Romans 14:7-8 For not one of us lives for himself, and not one dies for himself; ⁸ for if we live, we live for the Lord, or if we die, we die for the Lord; therefore whether we live or die, we are the Lord’s.

Reason the majority of believers live for themselves is because they have never recognized or submitted to the claim that their Savior has upon their life.

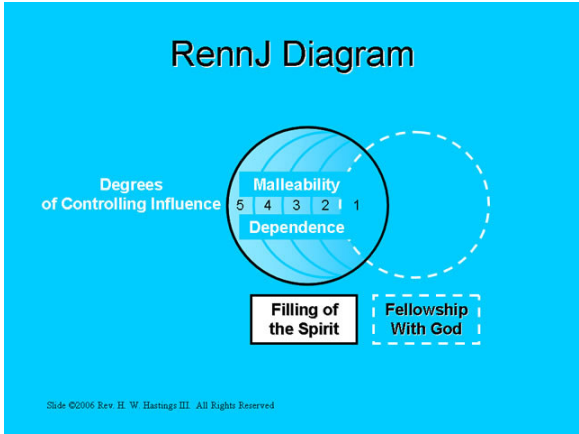
Their life is miserable!

Their happiness is fleeting!

Romans 12:1 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which is your spiritual service of worship.*

- **to present** – **παρίστημι – PARISTEMI** - **“To place at God’s disposal”**

PARISTEMI is a decision you make after salvation.



Is your life organized around the plan that God has for you?

All Scriptures quoted are from New American Standard unless otherwise noted.