

What Are You Becoming?



--Different End Results—
The Culmination of Many Life Choices

4 Essential Steps

Toward a Desired End Result

- 1. Knowledge:** Adequate Information
- 2. Vision:** Seeing the End Result as a Possibility
- 3. Decision:** Counting Cost & Still Choosing
- 4. Action:** Faith without works is dead (useless)

II. Reaching Desired End in Development of Your Soul

1 Tim 4:8, “For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come.”

2 Peter 3:18 “Grow in the grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.” **Something that should be happening between time born again and time you physically die.**

1 Peter 2:2 “As newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,” **Must be properly nourished.**

Paul's aggressive pursuit of his own development: Phil. 3:8-14

if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. 13 Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, 14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

C.S. Lewis quote

“...every time you make a choice you are turning the central part of you, the part of you that chooses, into something a little different from what it was before. And taking your life as a whole, with all your innumerable choices, all your life long you are slowly turning this central thing either into a heavenly creature or into a hellish creature: either into a creature that is in harmony with God, and with other creatures, and with itself, or else into one that is in a state of war and hatred with God, and with its fellow-creatures, and with itself. To be the one kind of creature is heaven: that is, it is joy and peace and knowledge and power. To be the other means madness, horror, idiocy, rage, impotence, and eternal loneliness. Each of us at each moment is progressing to the one state or the other.

Life = Opportunity to Prepare for Eternal Assignment

Luke 19:11-27

17 And he said to him, 'Well done, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities.' 18 And the second came, saying, 'Master, your mina has earned five minas.' 19 Likewise he said to him, 'You also be over five cities.'

20 "Then another came, saying, 'Master, here is your mina, which I have kept put away in a handkerchief....

24 "And he said to those who stood by, 'Take the mina from him, and give it to him who has ten minas.'

Knowledge Helps us Decide How to Invest Time & Energy

Can you see difference in soul's end result?

2 Peter 1:5-7 “...giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, 6 to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, 7 to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love.”

Not Passive Compliance But Active Pursuit!