5-Day Devotional: The Value of Our Soul

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Based on the Series: Making Eternal Investments

Day 1: The Soul That Cannot Be Bought

Reading: Matthew 16:24-26

Devotional: Jesus poses one of the most searching questions ever asked: what does a man gain if he wins the world but forfeits his soul? The answer is devastating in its simplicity -- nothing. Yet daily life tempts us to act as though the opposite were true. We trade time, energy, and devotion to accumulate things that rust, fade, and disappear. Today, sit quietly and honestly examine what you are investing in most. Your soul was made by God, redeemed at an immeasurable price, and destined for eternity. Nothing on this earth comes close to matching its worth.

Day 2: Created for More Than This World

Reading: Genesis 2:7; Hebrews 12:9; Ecclesiastes 12:7

Devotional: God did not merely assemble a body and set it in motion. He breathed life into man, making him a living soul bearing the image of the Creator. This means you are not an accident, not a product of chance, and not defined by what you own or accomplish. You carry within you something that originated in God and will one day return to Him. That reality should change how you see yourself and how you see others. Every person you encounter today carries an eternal soul made in the image of God. Treat them accordingly.

Day 3: The Danger of Never Enough

Reading: Luke 12:16-21; Philippians 4:11-12; 1 Timothy 6:7-8

Devotional: The rich farmer in Jesus' parable was not condemned for working hard or for enjoying a prosperous harvest. He was called a fool because he arranged his entire life around accumulating more while neglecting the condition of his soul. Paul, who knew both poverty and abundance, had learned the rare and difficult discipline of contentment. Contentment is not laziness or indifference. It is the settled recognition that the soul's needs outweigh the body's

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wants. Ask yourself today whether your ambitions are building toward eternity or simply adding to a pile that will one day be left behind.

Day 4: Redeemed at a Price Beyond Measure

Reading: 1 Peter 1:18-19; John 3:16; Romans 5:8

Devotional: Peter draws a sharp contrast that should stop us cold. Silver and gold, the currencies of human value and achievement, were not sufficient to purchase the redemption of one soul. Only the blood of Christ, described as precious and without blemish, was adequate for that transaction. God did not send something expendable to save something ordinary. He sent His only Son to rescue something of extraordinary worth -- your soul. When you are tempted toward self-deprecation or feel as though your life carries little significance, return to this truth. The price paid for you declares your value more clearly than anything else ever could.

Day 5: Ready When He Comes

Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:2-6; Matthew 25:31-46; 2 Corinthians 5:10

Devotional: The Day of the Lord arrives without announcement, like a thief in the night. Jesus Himself acknowledged that no one, but the Father knows the hour. This is not meant to produce fear in the heart of the faithful but to produce watchfulness. The judgment described in Matthew 25 is deeply practical -- it centers on how we treated the hungry, the sick, the imprisoned, and the forgotten. Eternal investment is not only about guarding your own soul but about actively serving others with what God has entrusted to you. Live today as though it were the day you will give account, because it very well may be.