



Talk It Over July 22-23, 2023

"For whoever would preserve his life and save it will lose and destroy it, but whoever loses his life for My sake, he will preserve and save it [from the penalty of eternal death]. For what does it profit a man, if he gains the whole world and ruins or forfeits (loses) himself?" - Luke 9:24-25 (AMPC)

"I assure you and most solemnly say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the Earth and dies, it remains alone [just one grain, never more]. But if it dies, it produces much grain and yields a harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it, but anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it to life eternal. [Whoever has no love for, no concern for, no regard for his life here on Earth, but despises it, preserves his life forever and ever.]" - John 12:24-25 (AMPC)

Stewardship is simply the management of my life – gifts, talents, abilities, capabilities, resources, and energy.

One thing is certain – I am, you are more than we have become. It is God's full intention for each of us to live fully actualized, fully alive.

What, then, is God's original intent, purpose of our many-sided nature – spirit, soul, body?

He, God, made us in His image and likeness to be like Him, and in that likeness, we are to exercise lordship, care, and stewardship over all creation as His trustees.

God has granted to us, His power of attorney to use His authority and His resources to manifest His Kingdom on Earth.

As it was in the beginning of man (mankind) when God's breath (His life) caused man to become a living being, so it is today.

We are dust and divinity – flesh and spirit. "Flesh" refers to the natural, physical substance of a person.

Our "fully alive," "highest life" is a combination of the relatively little power residence in our own bodies with the power inherent in the infinite rule or Kingdom of God.

Literally, in Him, we transcend ourselves. We are a "little less" than God because our life needs to draw upon His infinite resources.

There is something inside of you that longs to connect with something that is beyond you, more than you, greater than you.

God-life, your true life, is the inner power to reach, live, and thrive "beyond."

Life is always an inner power, the ability to relate to other things in certain specific ways.

When you give "you," you will be given to. (Luke 6:38)

Additional Scriptures:	Psalm 8:1-4; I Corinthians	s 15:45 (AMPC); Luke	9:24-25 (MSG); John	12:24-25 (TPT); Luke 6:38

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