



GOSPEL OF JOHN SERIES – 76
"DYING TO LIVE"
John 12:24-26

INTRODUCTION

WHY YOU SHOULD HATE YOUR LIFE

You should hate your life in this world because you want to follow Jesus, serve Him, and be with Him forever.

1. THE SERVANT'S MODEL: BY LAYING DOWN HIS LIFE ON THE CROSS, JESUS BORE MUCH FRUIT (12:24).

Remember...

Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to constantly apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil. 2:12-13; 1 Tim. 4:7-9; Jam 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:
How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?
How can I accomplish this change?
What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

2. THE SERVANT'S MANDATE: TO FOLLOW JESUS, YOU MUST HATE, NOT LOVE, YOUR LIFE IN THIS WORLD (12:25).

A. To follow Jesus...

...you must not love your life in this world.

3 Things About Loving Your Life In This World:

1) Loving your life in this world means living with this life only in view.

2) Loving your life in this world means living for the same things people in the world live for.

3) Loving your life in this world is the sure way to lose it.

B. To follow Jesus...

...you must hate your life in this world.

2 Things To Consider About Hating Your Life In This World:

1) Hating your life in this world is not the way to gain eternal life, but rather a characteristic of all who have eternal life.

2) Hating your life in this world means dying to selfishness in order to love others for Jesus' sake.

3. THE SERVANT'S MOTIVATION: IF WE SERVE JESUS AND FOLLOW HIM, WE'LL BEAR MUCH FRUIT, WE'LL BE WITH HIM FOREVER, AND THE FATHER WILL HONOR US (12:26).

A. To serve Jesus...

...you must follow Him with the goal of bearing much fruit.

B. If we serve and follow Jesus...

...we will be with Him forever and the Father will honor us.

*"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep
to gain that which he cannot lose."*

Jim Elliot