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Working for Nothing
Galatians 4:8-20

Memory Verse:

I Cor. 15:58 *Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord.*

Quotes in the News:

1. "Her instincts can be terrible." - _____

2. "You're fascinated with sex." - _____

Q. Have you ever put your trust in someone only to be let down? Have you ever worked hard at something only later to feel like, "That was a waste of time?"

Gal. 4:11 *I fear for you, that perhaps I have labored over you in vain.*

Religion that Wastes a Life:

I. **Trusts the _____ rather than the _____.**

Gal. 4:8-11 *However at that time, when you did not know God, you were slaves to those which by nature are no gods. 9 But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how is it that you turn back again to the weak and worthless elemental things, to which you desire to be enslaved all over again? 10 You observe days and months and seasons and years. 11 I fear for you, that perhaps I have labored over you in vain.*

II. **Makes _____.**

Gal. 4:12-16 *I beg of you, brethren, become as I am, for I also have become as you are. You have done me no wrong; 13 but you know that it was because of a bodily illness that I preached the gospel to you the first time; 14 and that which was a trial to you in my bodily condition you did not despise or loathe, but you received me as an angel of God, as Christ Jesus Himself. 15 Where then is that sense of blessing you had? For I bear you witness that, if possible, you would have plucked out your eyes and given them to me. 16 So have I become your enemy by telling you the truth?*

III. **_____ for Its Own Benefit.**

Gal. 4:17-20 *They eagerly seek you, not commendably, but they wish to shut you out so that you will seek them. 18 But it is good always to be eagerly sought in a commendable manner, and not only when I am present with you. 19 My children, with whom I am again in labor until Christ is formed in you-- 20 but I could wish to be present with you now and to change my tone, for I am perplexed about you.*

Point:

Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!



1. What do I believe is a fruitful investment of my life?
2. Where do I feel like I am wasting my life? Where do I worry that I am laboring in vain?
3. If I am going to trust my life and my eternity to faith, how can I know it's not a waste? If I am going to entrust my resources to Christ's work, how do I know that it is not a waste? If I am going to work and sacrifice for God how do I know I am not working in vain?

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