



SPIRITUAL LIFE AND MESSAGE FOR OCTOBER 2018

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Opening Song: “Only What You Do For Christ Will Last”

You may build great cathedrals large or small
You can build skyscrapers grand and tall,
You may conquer all the failure of the past,
But only what you do for Christ will last.

Chorus:

Remember only what you do for Christ will last. Remember only what you do for Christ will last. Only what you do for Him, will be counted at the end. Only what you do for Christ will last!

You may seek earthly power and fame,
The world might be impressed by your great name. Soon glories of this life will all be past,
But only what you do for Christ will last.

Prayer: (As led by the Holy Spirit)

Scripture: Luke 12:15-21

Meditation: “Focus On What Really Matters”

One day a man was talking to an angel. The angel said, “What can I do for you?” The man said, “Show me the Wall Street Journal one year from today. This way, I’ll know where to invest my money and become a multimillionaire.” So the angel snapped his fingers and out came a Wall Street Journal dated one year in the future. The man flipped the pages of the newspaper, studying the listings and observing which stocks would be high and which ones would be low. But in the midst of his joy, tears began to roll down his cheeks. Why? Because when he looked over the obituary column, there was his face.

God is not opposed to you acquiring and achieving things in life. But, He wants you to know that this life can only offer so much, and unless you live each day in the light of eternity,

you’re going to waste your time on the wrong things. It’s okay to enjoy temporal things, as long as your main focus is on eternal things. Paul said: “My life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus, the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God.” (Acts 20:24 NLT)

In the United States, if you live to be one hundred, you may receive a “Congratulations” card from the White House, signed by the President of United States of America. But it doesn’t compare to the “**Well Done**” you’ll receive from God for fulfilling the assignment He has given you here on earth.

In closing here are a few of verses from the Poem: “**Only One Life, Twill Soon Be Past**” by **C. T. Studd.**

Two little lines I heard one day, Traveling along life’s busy way; Bringing conviction to my heart, And from my mind would not depart; Only one life, ‘twill soon be past, Only what’s done for Christ will last.

Only one life, yes only one, Soon will its fleeting hours be done; Then. In ‘that day’ my Lord to meet, And stand before His judgement seat; Only one life, ‘twill soon be past, Only what’s done for Christ will last.

Only one life, yes only one, Now let me say, “Thy will be done;” And when at last I’ll hear the call, I know I’ll say “’twas worth it all;” Only one life, ‘twill soon be past. Only what’s done for Christ will last.

Closing Prayer:

Dear Lord,

Let us remember that life is not measured by how much we own but only what we do for you. Help us to remember that we’ll to prioritize our lives for kingdom building for only what we do for Christ will last. **Amen.**