

# Good News By Vic Dove Out of Order

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"For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the Gospel's will save it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? Mark 8:35-37

I once read a story about a very successful businessman who was driving his new Lexus on a steep mountain road during a rain storm. While driving way too fast for conditions... he went around a sharp curve, he lost control and began sliding off the road. At the last moment he was able to get free from his seatbelt, open the door and jump out of the car. The car continued off the edge of the mountain crashing into a ravine and bursting into flames. Unfortunately, during the jump

out of the car, his arm got caught in the door and was severed off at the shoulder.

A passing trucker saw the accident and pulled over to help. When the trucker got to the injured man, he found him looking down at his burning demolished new Lexus, crying and moaning oh my goodness my Lexus my Lexus...the trucker with a confused look on his face, pointed to the guy's shoulder and said, listen you have bigger problems than the Lexus sir...we have got to find your arm and maybe the doctors can reattach it for you. The injured business man stopped looking at the burning Lexus and looked down where his arm used to be...paused for a moment and then cried out...Oh no, my new Rolex!

It is so easy to get caught up in the things this world has to offer...the pleasures...the status...the fame...and of course riches. It is very easy to get things out of order, especially our priorities.

What do you place first in your life? What do you

think about, talk about and spend most of your time doing? If we are honest with ourselves, it does not take long to locate what or who is number one in our life. We tend to be self-serving and our number one goal is usually getting what we want. The thing many people fail to realize is that they can never be fulfilled or have the satisfaction they desire apart from God.

He created us for His pleasure and delight. God does give us a free will so we can choose to reject Him because He has no delight in a heart that does not serve or choose Him freely and lovingly. He gives us life as a gift and if we freely offer it back to Him, then and only then can we live it freely and joyfully. However, if we try to keep our lives for ourselves, we will lose them. We may live out many years but they will be frustrating unhappy ones.

Shoulder to Shoulder,  
Bro. Vic

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