

Life Change Application

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1 John 2:15 (NLT) ... “Stop loving this evil world and all that it offers you, for when you love the world, you show that you do not have the love of the Father in you.”

Matthew 16:26 (NLT) ... “And how do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul in the process? Is anything worth more than your soul?”

John 12:26 (NLT) ... “All those who want to be my disciples must come and follow me, because my servants must be where I am. And if they follow me, the Father will honor them.”

John 12:44-46 (NLT) ... “If you trust me, you are really trusting God who sent me. [45] For when you see me, you are seeing the one who sent me. [46] I have come as a light to shine in this dark world, so that all who put their trust in me will no longer remain in the darkness.”

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*Answers:* ... trustworthy ... inhabits ... trust ... unbelief ... silence.

## Trust Me!

John 12:37-50

Q ... How much do we really trust God?

**John 12:44-49 (NLT)** ... “Jesus shouted to the crowds, ‘If you trust me, you are really trusting God who sent me. [45] For when you see me, you are seeing the one who sent me. [46] I have come as a light to shine in this dark world, so that all who put their trust in me will no longer remain in the darkness. [47] If anyone hears me and doesn't obey me, I am not his judge—for I have come to save the world and not to judge it. [48] But all who reject me and my message will be judged at the day of judgment by the truth I have spoken. [49] I don't speak on my own authority. The Father who sent me gave me his own instructions as to what I should say.’”

Trust is *earned* by being a \_\_\_\_\_ person!

God \_\_\_\_\_ the praise of His people!

**Psalm 22:3-5 (NJB)** ... “Yet you, the Holy One, who make your home in the praises of Israel, [4] in you our ancestors put their trust, they trusted and you set them free. [5] To you they called for help and were delivered; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.”

**Isaiah 57:15 (NLT)** ... “The high and lofty one who inhabits eternity, the Holy One, says this: I live in that high and holy place with those whose spirits are contrite and humble. I refresh the humble and give new courage to those with repentant hearts.’”

Spiritual Truth: ... God always blesses those who \_\_\_\_\_ Him!

I. (37-41) The problem with having an attitude of

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**John Maxwell** ... *Your attitude at the beginning of a task will affect its outcome more than anything else.*

**J. Vernon McGee** ... *The most dangerous thing in the world is to hear the gospel and then turn your back on it!*

**Matthew 13:13-15 (NLT)** ... *“That is why I tell these stories, because people see what I do, but they don't really see. They hear what I say, but they don't really hear, and they don't understand. [14] This fulfills the prophecy of Isaiah, which says: ‘You will hear my words, but you will not understand; you will see what I do, but you will not perceive its meaning. [15] For the hearts of these people are hardened, and their ears cannot hear, and they have closed their eyes—so their eyes cannot see, and their ears cannot hear, and their hearts cannot understand, and they cannot turn to me and let me heal them.”*

**Romans 11:8 (NLT)** ... *“God has put them into a deep sleep. To this very day he has shut their eyes so they do not see, and closed their ears so they do not hear.”*

**Isaiah 55:1-7 (NLT)** ... *“Is anyone thirsty? Come and drink—even if you have no money! Come, take your choice of wine or milk—it's all free! [2] Why spend your money on food that does not give you strength? Why pay for food that does you no good? Listen, and I will tell you where to get food that is good for the soul!  
[3] Come to me with your ears wide open. Listen, for the life of your soul is at stake. I am ready to make an everlasting covenant with you. I will give you all the mercies and unfailing love that I promised to David. [4] He displayed my power by being my witness and a leader*

*among the nations. [5] You also will command the nations, and they will come running to obey, because I, the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, have made you glorious. [6] Seek the Lord while you can find him. Call on him now while he is near. [7] Let the people turn*

*from their wicked deeds. Let them banish from their minds the very thought of doing wrong! Let them turn to the Lord that he may have mercy on them. Yes, turn to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.”*

II. (42-43) The second greatest problem a person can have next to unbelief .. is that of believing in

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**Acts 1:8 (NLT)** ... *“But when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, you will receive power and will tell people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”*

**John 19:38-42 (NLT)** ... *“Afterward Joseph of Arimathea, who had been a secret disciple of Jesus (because he feared the Jewish leaders), asked Pilate for permission to take Jesus' body down. When Pilate gave him permission, he came and took the body away. [39] Nicodemus, the man who had come to Jesus at night, also came, bringing about seventy-five pounds of embalming ointment made from myrrh and aloes. [40] Together they wrapped Jesus' body in a long linen cloth with the spices, as is the Jewish custom of burial. [41] The place of crucifixion was near a garden, where there was a new tomb, never used before. [42] And so, because it was the day of preparation before the Passover and since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.”*

**They loved their way of life .. more than .. they loved Jesus!**

**James 4:4 (NLT)** ... *“You adulterers! Don't you realize that friendship with this world makes you an enemy of God? I say it again, that if your aim is to enjoy this world, you can't be a friend of God.”*