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ministry of the word.

Acts 6: 4 ASV

Are you merchandise?

A Message for Adults

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- Tangible property used for gain is merchandise. An exact cost is the basic value assigned to such commodities. Logistic costs, handling costs, and state assessed taxes, 28% in our Commonwealth, must be borne by the merchant and considered in marketing for gain. Truthful testimony of any transaction is supported by accurate consideration for numbers that reflect how efficiently merchandise is handled. A Profit and Loss (P&L) Statement is supposed to be gospel.

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- Chicanery, means to change the P&L in advantage for the business owners, is considered good business practice. Corporate executives are given bonus based on the amount they can change the profit in favor of the business owners. This greed is encouraged in our culture, and as the DOW, S&P, and other economic indicators reveal; robust.
- Commonly we find the shrewd banker, law giver, or capitalist, hero to our financial retirement portfolio, invited to share expertise in a church office. Such people are numbers

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driven, knowing percentages. They understand turns. They know how to develop programs that appeal to the public, allowing increase. They are gifted in spinning focus in favor of their desires. Such talented people have always been. The Hebrew nation is known for their money management and bless all the families of the earth. Matthew was a tax collector. Judas Iscariot handled the purse for Jesus' ministry. All with such talent must ³³ seek first his kingdom, and his righteousness. Matthew 6: 33 ASV Not forgetting that ²⁰ Jehovah of hosts, who

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judgest righteously, who tries the heart and the mind, shall see vengeance on them; for [He] has revealed [His] cause. Jeremiah 11: 20 ASV

- The apostle Peter warns the church, ¹ there arose false prophets also among the people, as among you also there shall be false teachers, who shall privily bring in destructive heresies, denying even the Master that bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction.
² And many shall follow their lascivious doings; by reason of whom the way of the truth shall be evil spoken of. II Peter 2: 1-2 ASV

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- What does the name Jesus, mean to you? Does it mean the Only Begotten Son of God, or does it mean some resident of Galilee long ago? What do you believe? God is prepared to honor your faith!
- Jesus revealed His gospel in His own life. He fell into the ground at Calvary. He gave His life. He made an investment. The results are multiplied every day. He asks us to die to self. He asks us to lose ourselves in His cause. He says it means success. He says the key is service. It is a disillusioning experience to abide

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alone, never to extend oneself to others. So many abide alone in the pew where they sit. They have never won a soul to Christ. So many abide alone in the Sunday School class they teach. So many abide alone in their family. Why? They haven't died. They are more interested in themselves than others. They love their life. They have never lost their life to God. They never give God his due. What is His due? To love the Lord with your substance. Old Testament people were required by law to give God a tithe, but not only a tithe. Old Testament

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people were required to give God offerings in addition. Should I do less under the blessing of Calvary? If you think so, you cheapen that hill and make it less than Mount Sinai. The Lord is no man's debtor. All things shall be added to you who seek first His kingdom, and His righteousness. ²⁴ Except a grain of wheat fall into the earth and die, it abideth by itself alone; but if it die, it beareth much fruit. ²⁵ He that loveth his life loseth it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. ²⁶ If any man serve me, let him follow me; and

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where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will the Father honor.

John 12: 24-26 ASV Our United States used to live under God's addition, that is why we put "In God we Trust" on our money! 2 And many shall follow their lascivious doings; by reason of whom the way of the truth shall be evil spoken of. II Peter 2: 2 ASV

- I respect the rule of thumb that what a person does not understand, they oppose. A successful executive thinks my investment of time, strength, and purpose hardly worth scheduling.

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Although, I have experienced what he has, he has not experienced what I have. There is not any common denominator. Our sense of values differ. By manifesting Christ we understand what is divine in His doctrine, His person, and His life; causing it to be perceived, comprehended and felt. ³ And this is life eternal, that they should know thee the only true God, and him whom thou didst send, even Jesus Christ. John 17: 3 ASV

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You are invited to join us!

*We continue stedfastly in the apostles' teaching
and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and
prayers every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.*

*We study doctrine and pray every Wednesday at
6:30 p.m.*