

Pursue...!!!

"A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field...The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. (Isaiah 40:6-8 ESV)

If life is that transient it behoves us and our children to only go after things of true worth. But where do we start and how can we know what to look for? The wisest man that ever lived said "I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind." (Ecclesiastes 1:14 ESV)

Thankfully the Holy Scriptures unveils the true treasures. So please come with me on this treasure hunt!

Here is the very short list with scripture references of what we are called to run after:

Peace, the knowledge of the LORD, love, Spiritual gifts, righteousness, godliness, faith, patience, gentleness, holiness (Psalm 34:14, Hosea 6:3, Romans 14:19, 1Corinthians 14:1, 1Timothy 6:11, 2Timothy 2:22, Hebrews 12:14)

Apostle Paul instructs that whatever you pursue must be good for you and for all. "See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all." (1Thessalonians 5:15 NKJV)

Let us zoom into the pursuit of peace. Jesus Christ Himself is the Prince of peace (Isaiah 9:6) and peacemakers are called sons of God (Matthew 5:9).

All the other treasures can only be fully enjoyed when you have found peace; victory is assured when you operate from the place of peace! For we have the sure promise that "The God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly (Romans 16:20 NKJV)!!!

The pursuit of peace is greatly illuminated by two verses in Psalm 119:

Psalm 119:162 I rejoice at Your word As one who finds great treasure.

Psalm 119:165 Great peace have those who love Your law, And nothing causes them to stumble.

The two verses present the Word of God as the basis for peace or the Word of God as the only real wealth there is in all the world. The Word of God is the basis of peace, and since it is the basis of peace, the Word of God in its net result in our lives is the greatest wealth that anybody could ever possibly desire!

I therefore challenge you to make the Word of God the love of your life and that of your family. Study it together and encourage one another to walk in its light daily.

Finally, remember that Jesus is The Word of God (John 1:1-2). "...As many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God..." (John 1:11-12 NKJV) "...and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ..." (Romans 8:17 NKJV) Truly in Jesus Christ you win everything!

Peace be with you and yours.

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