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God's Return on His Investment

Session 7



Expect a return

1 Corinthians 6:19,20

“Don’t you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself,

for God bought you with a high price. So, you must honor God with your body.”

This means a person's life is not their own to live according to their own desires, but rather to be used in service to God.

The consequence of being "bought with a price" is to honor God with your body and life. This involves living a life that reflects God's holiness and purpose

What is God expecting in return for the life He gave us?

Core desires

Love and a relationship with God:

Many texts state that the greatest commandment is to love God with all your heart, soul, and mind. This love is expressed through faith, trust, and a desire for an intimate relationship.

Loving others:

God wants us to love our neighbors as ourselves, which includes acts of kindness, mercy, and helping those in need.

Faith and trust:

Believing in God and trusting that His will is better than personal agendas is a key desire.

Moral living and justice:

God wants people to do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with Him. This includes living a life with self-control and being upright.

Actions and behaviors

Serve others: This can include your work, relationships, and being ready to help others.

Live with gratitude: A thankful attitude is encouraged over a complaining one.

Practice forgiveness: Forgiving others is a key part of living out God's will.

Engage in worship and prayer: Spending time with God through prayer and worship is central.

Follow His will: This is often seen as a desire to submit to God's will for your life and make Him the first priority.

Why God desires this

For our good:

God wants us to experience His blessings and live a fulfilling life, which is found through Him and not through worldly possessions.

To reveal Himself:

By living out His will, we can be a testimony of His love and grace to the world.

To fulfill our purpose:

God desires for us to fulfill our potential and live up to the image of God within us.

Is God getting the best return out of your life?