

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

What Matters Most?

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Philippians 3:4b-6 (NIV)

"If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more:

⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as for zeal, persecuting the church;

as for righteousness based on the law, faultless."

Philippians 3:7-8

But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss...

What is more, I consider everything a loss...

... I have lost all things.

I consider them garbage...

Philippians 3:7-9a (NIV)

⁷ But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss <u>for the sake of Christ.</u> ⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the <u>surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord</u>, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him

Mark 12:30-31 (NIV)

³⁰ Love the Lord your God with <u>all</u> your heart and with <u>all</u> your soul and with <u>all</u> your mind and with <u>all</u> your strength.' ³¹ The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

John 13:34-35 (NIV)

³⁴ "A new command I give you:

Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Reflection Questions:

- 1) What are the things in life that matter to you most right now?
- 2) Read Phil 3:4-9. What things in your life can you relate to Paul's description of becoming "loss"? What things in your life were priorities that you now consider "a loss".
- 3) Read John Piper's quote, "You gain Christ by renouncing everything that competes with him." What areas of your life "compete" with Jesus?
- 4) Read Jesus' command passages of Mark 12:30-31 and John 13:34-35. What are your thoughts around Jesus' commands and how they are lived out in your daily life?
- 5) What is one step of action these passages or this conversation has led you to commit to do this week?



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