APRIL 18

"WHAT YOU DO NOW, WHAT YOU SPEND NOW, FOR THE THINGS OF NOW, YOU'LL ONLY ENJOY NOW."

READ

Matthew 6:19-20

When you were born again, Jesus opened an account in heaven in your name. From the moment you breathed your first breath as a born-again believer, everything you've done in the name of Christ has gone to your account. When we get to heaven, we are going to see what we did and what we gave down here. Jesus said that wherever you put your dollars, that is where your heart is. You expend energy on what you deem important. Think for a moment. Where have you spent most of your money lately? On what have you spent your time? Jesus was teaching us to not make the mistake of focusing on earthly things. In heaven, the stock prices don't go up and down. Thieves can't steal it and rust can't corrode it. It's safe in the hands of Almighty God in heaven. What you do now, what you spend now, for the things of now, you only enjoy now. But if you lay up treasures in heaven, you will enjoy them forever!

PRAY

Lord, each of us will stand before You and give an account for what we did with what You gave us. That is a sobering thought. I want my account to show that I lived sacrificially here and invested there.

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