

SOME SACRED TRUTHS

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"But as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, even so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God who tests our hearts." {1 Thessalonians 2:4} We want to examine some things God has entrusted to men.

Gospel of Christ. "According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God which was committed to my trust." {1 Timothy 1:11} The gospel is God's power to save men, Romans 1:16. This gospel message must be taught to others, 2 Timothy 2:2. We often sing the song "Into Our Hands the Gospel is Given." What are you doing with this glorious message that has been "entrusted" into your hands?

Our Children. "Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb is His reward." {Psalm 127:3} God has blessed us with our children. He expects us to bring them up in His ways. "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." {Proverbs 22:6} This duty is given to every parent and cannot be delegated to others. Ephesians 6:4

Our Substance. "Honor the Lord with your possessions, and with the first fruits of all your increase." {Proverbs 3:9} We are stewards of all the things which God has blessed us with. All we have belongs to Him and must be used in such a way that brings glory and honor to Him-not us.

Our Soul. "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" {Matthew 16:26} What is the most valuable thing which we all possess? The soul! God has entrusted us with the part of our being which will live forever in eternity. "For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." {2 Corinthians 5:1} Yes, this body will someday decay and return to the dust. My soul will live on in the realm of eternal bliss or eternal torment. Which will it be? The life we live in the body will determine the answer to that question!

Dear reader, God made each of us free moral agents to determine the choices and direction in our personal lives. How are you handling these "sacred trusts"? ***