

“The Size of the Soul”

2 Cor. 4:16-18

Introduction

- I. Every human being has a soul, “the inward man” (Matt. 10:28; 16:28).
- II. “The inward man” is supposed to mature with time (2 Pet. 3:18; cf. 1 Cor. 3:1).
- III. What is the “size” of your soul [we can determine such by looking into the “mirror” of God's Word] (2 Cor. 3:18; James 1:21-25).

Discussion

- I. The size of your soul is determined by the “height” of ambitions.
 - A. Consider the “one talent man” (Matt. 25:14-31).
 - B. Christ did “big” things with what He was given (Luke 19:10; John 3:17; 1 John 4:14; Heb. 2:9).
 - C. Christ expects “big” things from us (Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16; John 6:45).
- II. The size of your soul is determined by the “depth” of conviction.
 - A. “Conviction of things not seen” [ASV] (Heb. 11:1).
 - B. Daniel is a great example of conviction (Dan. 1:8; 6).
 - C. The three Hebrew youths were great examples of conviction (Dan. 3).
 - D. Moses was a great example of conviction (Heb. 11:24-27).
- III. The size of your soul is determined by the “length” of love.
 - A. How great is God's love (John 3:16)?
 - B. How great is our love for God and man (Matt. 22:37; 1 John 4:19)?
- IV. The size of your soul is determined by the “breadth” of service.
 - A. David is a great example of service (Acts 13:36).
 - B. What service are we doing (Gal. 5:13; John 13:1-15)?
 - C. Are we serving faithfully to win souls to Christ (1 Cor. 7:14-16; 9:21; Rev. 22:17)?
- V. The size of your soul is determined by the “weight” of influence.
 - A. How bright is our “light”, and are we enough “salt” to help save souls (Matt. 5:14-16).
 - B. How strong is our “leaven” (Matt. 13:33)?

Conclusion

- I. So, how big is your soul?
- II. Is it tiny like a babe, or mature like a full grown man?