



SESSION EIGHT

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## Introduction

### Stage #5 Slave Means You are Perfectly Trained to Be Like Jesus in All Areas of Your Life

<sup>40</sup>"A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is **perfectly trained** (*katartizo* perfect passive "thoroughly equipped, completely prepared") **will be like** (*os* "exactly like, the same as") **his teacher.**" Luke 6:40

<sup>17</sup>**That we may have** (present active subjunctive) **boldness** (*parresia* "confidence, cheerful courage") **in the day of judgment; because as He is** (present), **so are** (present) **we in this world** (*kosmos*). 1 John 4:17b

## Part One

### Stage #5 Slave "Denies Himself" so Completely that He "Loses His Life" to Seek and Serve Christ

#### 1 Slave requires the disciple to deny himself and take up His \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>27</sup>"**And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.**"

Luke 14:27

<sup>34</sup>When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "**Whoever desires** (*thelo* present active "to will or choose") **to come** (aorist active) **after Me, let him deny** (*aparneomai* aorist active imperative "to deny utterly, affirm strongly no connection to, forsake, renounce") **himself, and take up** (aorist imperative) **his cross, and follow** (present active imperative) **Me.**" Mark 8:34

#### 2 Slave suffers the loss of all people, possessions, places, positions, and priorities in order to know Christ ever more \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>7</sup>**But what things were gain** (*kerdos* "valuable") **to me, these I have counted** (*hegeomai* perfect middle "to reckon, consider, think, esteem") **loss** (*zemia* "loss, casting away as without value") **for Christ.** <sup>8</sup>**Yet indeed I also count** (*hegeomai* present middle) **all things loss** (*zemia*) **for the excellence** (*hyperecho* present active "to hold above", "superior, supreme, surpassing") **of the knowledge** (*gnosis* "a seeking to know, an enquiry") **of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss** (*zemioo* aorist passive "to forfeit, experience the loss of") **of all things, and count** (*hegeomai* present middle) **them as rubbish, that I may gain** (*kerdaino* aorist active subjunctive "to acquire, to profit by adding, to exchange for something better") **Christ;** <sup>10</sup>**that I may know** (*ginosko* aorist active "to perceive, to understand completely") **Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed** (*symmorphizo* present passive "to make of like form to another") **to His death.** Philippians 3:7-8, 10

#### 3 Slave who "loses his life" by serving Christ and the Gospel will "save his \_\_\_\_\_"

<sup>35</sup>"**For whoever desires** (*thelo* present active subjunctive "to will, to intend, to purpose") **to save** (*soso* aorist active "to keep sound and safe, to rescue from danger or destruction") **his life** (*psuche*



“soul, the individual life, the immaterial invisible part of man”) **will lose** (*apollumi* future active “to destroy, render useless, to ruin”) **it, but whoever loses** (*apollumi* aorist active subjunctive) **his life** (*psuche* “soul”) **for My sake and the gospel’s will save** (*sozo* future active) **it.”** Mark 8:35

Option	Two Choices in the Present	Two Consequences in the Future
Option #1	You Choose to “ <b>Lose Your Life</b> ” Now By Serving Christ and the Gospel	You Will “ <b>Save Your Life</b> ” Later Because You Served Christ
Option #2	You Choose to “ <b>Save Your Life</b> ” Now By Serving Yourself and Your Agenda	You will “ <b>Lose Your Life</b> ” Later Because You Wasted Your Life

#### 4 Slave realizes even massive wealth cannot remedy the future tragedy of “losing one’s \_\_\_\_\_”

<sup>36</sup>“**For what will it profit** (*opheleo* future active “to be of advantage or personal benefit”) **a man if he gains** (*kerdaino* aorist active subjunctive “acquire, to win, to get an advantage”) **the whole world** (*kosmos*), **and loses** (*zemioo* aorist passive subjunctive “to sustain damage, suffer loss, receive injury”) **his own soul** (*psuche*)? <sup>37</sup>**Or what will a man give** (*didomi* future active) **in exchange for** (*antallagma* “the price to pay to exchange”) **his soul** (*psuche*)?” Mark 8:36-37

#### 5 Slave is warned that being ashamed of Christ and His radical teaching on “losing your life” will have terrible consequences at Christ’s \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>38</sup>“**For** (*gar* “therefore, to assign a reason for”) **whoever is ashamed** (*epaischynomai* aorist passive subjunctive “to feel intense shame, to have a feeling of fear or shame which prevents a person from doing something”) **of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed** (*epaischynomai* future passive) **when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.”** Mark 8:38

## Part Two

### Stage #5 Slave Knows “Losing” or “Saving” His Life Will Have Dramatically Different Eternal Consequences

#### 1 Slave realizes “losing your life” for Christ means “hating your life” in this age for which God the Father will bestow priceless \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>24</sup>“**Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces** (*phero* present active) **much grain.** <sup>25</sup>**He who loves** (*phileo* present active “tender affection, to be fond of, to be friends with, to delight in”) **his life** (*psuche* “soul”) **will lose** (*apollumi* future active) **it, and he who hates** (*miseo* present active) **his life** (*psuche* “soul”) **in this world** (*kosmos* “the current order or situation of life on earth including earthly goods, pleasures, and advantages”) **will keep** (*phulasso* future active “to keep under guard, preserve, keep safe”) **it for** (*eis* “unto, even until, to enter into a time period”) **eternal** (*aionios* “eternal, everlasting, forever”) **life** (*zoe* “the life of a person, the fullness of life”). <sup>26</sup>**If anyone serves** (*diakoneo* present active subjunctive) **Me, My Father will honor** (*timao* future active “granting of distinction, esteem, fame, praise and glory”) **him.”** John 12:24-25, 26b

Option	Two Choices in the Present	Two Consequences in the Future
Option #1	You “ <b>Hate Your Life in this World</b> ”	You Will “ <b>Keep Your Life for Eternal Life</b> ”
Option #2	You “ <b>Love Your Life</b> ” in the Present	You will “ <b>Lose Your Life</b> ” in the Future

## 2 Slave heeds Christ’s severe warning that not “losing our life” will result in our life’s future \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>25</sup>“**For whoever desires** (thelo present active) **to save** (sozo aorist active “to deliver from danger or suffering, to rescue from possible threat”) **his life** (psuche “soul”) **will lose** (apollumi future active “to destroy, render useless, to ruin”) **it, but whoever loses** (apollumi aorist active subjunctive) **his life** (psuche “soul”) **for My sake** (heneka “for the benefit, for this cause”) **will find** (heurisko future active “to see, discover, find”) **it.**” Matthew 16:25

<sup>22</sup>“**And no one puts new wine into old wine skins; or else the new wine bursts the wine skins, the wine is spilled, and the wine skins are ruined** (apollumi).” Mark 2:22a

<sup>27</sup>“**Do not labor for the food which perishes** (apollumi).” John 6:27a

## 3 Slave heeds Christ’s severe warning that not “losing our life” will result in our soul sustaining future damage and painful \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>26</sup>“**For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses** (zemioo aorist passive subjunctive “to sustain damage, suffer loss, receive injury”) **his own soul** (psuche “life”) **? Or what will a man give** (future active) **in exchange for his soul** (psuche “life”) **?”** Matthew 16:26

<sup>10</sup>“**Men, I perceive that this voyage will end with disaster and much loss** (zemia).” Acts 27:10b

<sup>8</sup>Yet indeed I also **count all things loss** (zemia) **for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss** (zemioo aorist passive) **of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ.** Philippians 3:8

## 4 Slave keeps in mind that rewards for working for Christ will be distributed primarily when Christ returns and not during our \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>27</sup>“**For the Son of Man will come** (mello erchomai present active “is going to come”) **in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward** (apodidomai future active “to give back fully, to repay completely”) **each according to** (kata “in accordance to, in proportion to”) **his works.**” Matthew 16:27

<sup>12</sup>“**And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward** (misthos “wages paid for work, paycheck”) **is with Me, to give** (apodidomi aorist active “to pay what is due, to give back, to pay off, restore”) **to every one according to his work.**” Revelation 22:12

## 5 Slave lives for the “Finish Line” when fire will test our works to determine if we receive eternal rewards or suffer painful and serious \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>13</sup>**Each one’s work will become** (future active) **clear** (phaneros “made manifest, made known openly, evident”); **for the Day will declare** (deloo future active “to make plain, to state openly, to make understood by others”) **it, because it will be revealed** (apokalupto present passive “to



uncover what is hidden, to lay open what has been veiled, to disclose”) **by fire** (literally “because in fire it is revealed”); **and the fire will test** (*dokimazo* future active “to test or prove with a view of approval”) **each one’s work, of what sort** (*hopoios* “what manner or quality”) **it is**. <sup>14</sup>**If anyone’s work which he has built on it endures** (*meno* present active “remains, abides, continues”), **he will receive** (*lambano* future active “to take lay hold of”) **a reward** (*misthos* “paycheck, compensation for work”). <sup>15</sup>**If anyone’s work is burned** (*katakaio* future passive “to consume by fire completely”), **he will suffer loss** (*zemioo* future passive “to suffer damage, to suffer loss, to receive injury, to forfeit”); **but he himself will be saved** (*sozo* future passive “to deliver, to rescue”), **yet so as through** (“however as through”) **fire**. 1 Corinthians 3:13-15

### Part Three

## Stage #5 Slave Purposefully “Loses Their Life” for Christ to Maximize Their Rewards at the Finish Line

### 1 Slave submits to the Biblical command to “run” with great effort for the specific reason of obtaining \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>24</sup>**Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize** (*brabeion* “an award earned by the victor in the athletic games”)? **Run** (*trecho* present active imperative “to move forward in haste, to strive hard, to spend one’s strength to attain something desired”) **in such a way that you** (plural) **may obtain it** (*katalambano* aorist active subjunctive “to lay hold of so as to possess as one’s own, to seize”). 1 Corinthians 9:24

### 2 Slave exercises self-discipline in working hard for Christ to earn the precious \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>25</sup>**And everyone who competes** (*agonizomai* present active “to strive, straining every muscle to acquire the object, to endeavor with strenuous zeal”) **for the prize** (*brabeion* “an award to the victor in the games”) **is temperate** (*egkrateuomai* present active “to exercise self-control, self-discipline”) **in all things. Now they do it to obtain** (*lambano* aorist active subjunctive “to lay hold of so as to possess as one’s own, to take with the hand in order to use”) **a perishable crown** (*stephanos* “the wreath given as the prize to the victors in athletic games”) **but we for an imperishable** (*aphthartos* “not liable to corruption or decay, immortal”) **crown**. <sup>26</sup>**Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air**. 1 Corinthians 9:25-26

### 3 Slave continues serving Christ faithfully in order to receive his full reward and not lose any due to being \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>8</sup>**Look** (present imperative) **to yourselves, that we do not lose** (*apollumi* aorist active subjunctive “to destroy, render useless, to ruin”) **those things we worked for** (*ergazomai* aorist active “labor, effort, perform”), **but that we may receive** (*apolambanno* aorist active subjunctive “to receive from another, to receive back”) **a full** (*pleres* “condition of being completely filled, complete, abounding”) **reward** (*misthos* “earned compensation for work expended”). 2 John 1:8

<sup>11</sup>**Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast** (*krateo* present active imperative “continue to hold fast to, do not let go”) **what you have** (present active “hold, possess”), **that no one may take** (*lambano* aorist active subjunctive) **your crown** (*stephanos*).” Revelation 3:11

<sup>27</sup>**But I discipline** (*hupopiazō* present active “buffet oneself”) **my body and bring it into subjection** (*doulagogeo* present active “to bring into bondage, to treat as a slave with stern and rigid discipline”), **lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified** (*adokimos* “not approved, failing the test, rejected by the judges”). 1 Corinthians 9:27

#### 4 Slave forgets the failures of the past in order to focus fully on earning rewards in the present for his future eternal \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>13</sup>**But one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind** (*opiso* “back, before, past”) **and reaching forward to those things which are ahead** (*emprosthen* “in front of a person, that which lies before”), <sup>14</sup>**I press** (*dioko* present active “to run swiftly to catch, to seek after earnestly”) **toward the goal** (*skopos* “a mark on which to fix the eye, to take aim at, in a race the finish line”) **for the prize** (*brabeion* “the award earned by the victor in the games, an earned prize”) **of the upward** (*ano* “above, up, heavenly”) **call** (*kleseos* “invitation, calling”) **of God in Christ Jesus**. Philippians 3:13b-14

#### 5 Slave anticipates that many believers will initially reject “working for rewards” as an improper motive as it’s only embraced by the spiritually \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>15</sup>**Therefore let us, as many as are mature** (*teleioo* “fully complete, perfect, finished”), **have this mind** (*phroneo* present active subjunctive “careful and sober thinking, set the mind on”); **and if in anything you think** (*phroneo* present active) **otherwise, God will reveal** (*apokalypso* future active “to uncover, to unveil, to make known”) **even this to you**. <sup>16</sup>**Nevertheless, to the degree that we have already attained** (*phthano* aorist active “reach the conclusion, arrive at, as anticipated”), **let us walk by the same rule, let us be of the same mind** (*phroneo* present active).

Philippians 3:15-16

### Conclusion

## Stage #5 Slave Finish Line Consecration Breakthrough: Run to Maximize Your Valuable Eternal Rewards

<sup>6</sup>For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. <sup>7</sup>I have fought the good fight, **I have finished the race, I have kept the faith**. <sup>8</sup>**Finally, there is laid up** (*apokeimai* present active “to put away, to appoint for”) **for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing**. 2 Timothy 4:6-8

The Rewards Breakthrough	1. Reject Eternal Rewards	2. Unmotivated by Rewards	3. Motivated by Rewards
“I am Christ's Bondservant and work hard at serving Him with my time, talents, and treasure to maximize my eternal rewards.”	<input type="checkbox"/> “I reject the idea of serving Christ for eternal rewards because it's selfish. Besides, I want my rewards to benefit me now, not in the next age.”	<input type="checkbox"/> “I'm not comfortable with the Biblical command to “run” to earn rewards. I serve Christ because I love Him. Anyway, heaven will be great without rewards.”	<input type="checkbox"/> “I believe the strong warnings of Jesus and am ready to discipline my life to work hard to earn the maximum rewards at the Finish Line.”

<sup>54</sup>“Who then is willing to consecrate himself this day to the Lord?” 1 Chronicles 29:5b

## POST-SESSION 8 Slave Finish Line Interactive Questions

1. **Review:** This was the most advanced session in the entire course on Consecration. What did Christ mean by “losing your life” in order to “save your life”?
2. **Respond:** Did you find yourself thinking more seriously about “losing your life” in order to serve Christ? How did you feel as you learned about the day when our works would be tested by fire?
3. **Reflect:** Most believers are uncertain if we should work for Christ, not only because we love Him but also in order to earn rewards from Him. What are your thoughts after studying the New Testament?
4. **Renew:** Christ was gracious to reveal how our life on earth affects our life after death. He desires for each of us to have an “abundant entrance” into the next age. What could you do to earn far more rewards?

# Journal

Take a few minutes to list the major things you have been enlightened about consecration and what commitments you have made with God.

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