

Profit & Loss

INVESTING IN WHAT MATTERS MOST

Matthew 16:24-27. (ESV)

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? ²⁷For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done."

I. You can only _____ by _____.

Three areas of life that I will lose.

A. My _____

B. My _____

C. My _____

II. Applying the principle of _____ and _____ determines your _____.

_____ + _____ = _____

III. We _____ most when we _____ in areas Jesus chose: The _____ of these.

IV. *Three groups that are strategic.*

A. The _____

B. The _____

C. The _____

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

- 1) When Jesus says take up your cross, do you believe he is actually saying you might die to become a Christian? Why or Why not?
- 2) If losing is winning, what things do you think if you could lose in order to win? Does this principle hold true in business or in science as well as issues of faith?
- 3) Are there any decisions that seemed small when you were younger that had huge positive or negative impact later? (*Think of purchases, relationship or moves.*)
- 4) If you apply sowing and reaping, or **time+ direction = destination**, what step can you take today that might lead to where you want to be later?
- 5) Who are the hardest kinds of people to invest in and do any of these fit in God's strategy? Why or why not?
- 6) **ACTIVITY:** join twitter.com and blog your answers with "#sunridge" in the the text so our community can see what you came up with. Or, add them to our Sunridge Facebook Fan Page wall. <http://www.facebook.com/sunridge>