



## *Inspirational Emails*

### **What does it Profit?**

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*"For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" Matthew 16:26*

Since most of us aren't really trying to take over the world (or even a major conglomerate) we tend to dismiss Jesus' warning. Perhaps **we think it applicable to Donald Trump, Hollywood moguls, Wall Street barons, politicians-** or the guy down the street with a bigger house and two new cars - **but certainly not to ourselves.**

**Let's not let ourselves off the hook so easily.** To gain the world is simply a metaphor for self-absorption. Many of us are largely absorbed in "our world" - whether it's the world of family, sports, business, self-pity, self-aggrandizement, civic causes or perhaps even church.

What Jesus is warning about is **our natural tendency to become so exclusively focused on our own little "world" that we lose sight of why we were created.** We need to enjoy and care for God's good creation, experience God's love and presence in our lives and share God's compassion and wisdom with others.

Bottom line: ***Be fulfilled in pursuing success in "your world." But not at the expense of forgetting your larger purpose in God's world.***

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