Mat 108

He who loves **this life** is destined for misery.

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(got the date wrong last message)

Mat 10:37 He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.

[Mat 10:38](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/10/38/s_939038) “And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.

/[Mat 10:39](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/10/39/s_939039) “He who has found his life will lose it, and **he who has lost his life for My sake will find it**.\

[Mat 10:40](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/10/40/s_939040) “He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me.

[Mat 10:41](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/10/41/s_939041) “He who receives a prophet in *the* name of a prophet shall receive a prophet’s reward; and he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man’s reward.

[Mat 10:42](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/10/42/s_939042) “And whoever in the name of a disciple gives to one of these little ones even a cup of cold water to drink, truly I say to you, he shall not lose his reward.”

Though this was a lot to swallow for these 12 Apostles because it became very deep and intense as the lesson went on from verse 32 until the last verse which is 42…this was needed at this point.

TLJC is at the beginning stages of His ministry, they had just listened to the sermon on the mount with several other followers probably within a short period of time.

We can guess it has only been a few months at the most since the ministry began.

There was a lot to swallow and now the select 12 were taught this intense teaching about loving Him more so than even family and that what was coming was equivalent to the Roman Crucifixion.

Then TLJC caps it off with a clear statement that your life is about to change to the point where what you had plans for and what you thought you were going to be doing a few years down the road is gone. I have something greater and more powerful concerning your historic impact in this world.

REPEAT

/[Mat 10:39](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/10/39/s_939039) “He who **has found** (*heuriskō*) his **life** (*psyche*’) will lose it.

This means you have made an effort to seek out what your life really means and who you are. In doing so the discovery of what you have within your soul/human spirit is nothing without Christ.\

HUE-REESE-GO is that verb for *has found*….this is a term for searching.

And life is speaking about soul life…

SUE-KAD Greek feminine noun for soul, this is soul life.

This speaks about finding eternal life.

/Your choice is now Christianity over worldly life. The soul searching has achieved in you a sense of seeking truth and giving up this worldly chase of materialism and pleasures for a relationship with the Lord.\

You lost that desire in your flesh to pursue all your time, talent and treasure seeking satisfaction in the cosmic system.

This means you truly are a Bel who has placed themselves into the center of God’s divine plan.

/You now achieve a place of peace and assurance that eternity is in the hands of the divine Creator therefore you begin to develop a passive attitude about success in the world. You strive in a spiritual sense to have a good, quality of life without the nagging pull of cosmic success and human standards wearing you out emotional & physically.\

ELABORATE REPEAT!!!

Turn to John chapter 12.

Do you realize there are public speakers and motivational people and even celebrities that mobs of people follow and pay big dollars for their speeches and books… all for what the Bible gives for free.

They all want that calm assurance they all want confidence and peace in their daily lives…that is more valuable than a million dollars.

Yet thousands of people chase after celebrities and motivational speakers for this exact thing…in fact many of the large churches and men that call themselves pastors are nothing more than motivational speakers.

They know they can tap into an energy or excitement if they dress up a few passages and sell it under the guise of spirituality or a message from God.

They do very little Bible teaching and it is a twisted version of cosmic therapy for many people….me personally… I don’t care as long as Christ is preached under the proper light.

But I the Bel simply got under the right kind of Bible teaching and applied themselves to grow in the word it is there for them and lasts longer than an emotional high of a few hours after a sermon of sweating and crying and positive words.

Jhn 12:20 Now there were some Greeks among those who were going up to worship at the feast;

[Jhn 12:21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/jhn/12/21/s_1009021) these then came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and *began to* ask him, saying, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.”

[Jhn 12:22](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/jhn/12/22/s_1009022) Philip came and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip came and told Jesus.

[Jhn 12:23](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/jhn/12/23/s_1009023) And Jesus answered them, saying, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

**/**[Jhn 12:24](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/jhn/12/24/s_1009024) “Truly, truly, I say to you, **unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies**, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.\

There is no way to become born again and saved aside from accepting that you are a flawed creature in need of a savior…that human strength and spirit of self-reliance must die as you reach out for the saving ministry of Christ.

REPEAT

Though we stay on this earth after spiritual death concerning nailing that OSN to the cross…we stay to give off fruit of the spirit and represent the kingdom of heaven.

Remember now TLJC is dealing with Greeks and the Greek philosophy had a strong message of self-reliance, false gods and hedonism woven into its teachings.

**/**[Jhn 12:25](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/jhn/12/25/s_1009025) “He who loves his life loses it, and he **who hates his life in this world** will keep it to life eternal.\

TLJC is basically telling these Greeks that old lifestyle and belief system is dead to you now if you believe in Me.

In other words, those who have rejected these cosmic teachings and satanic beliefs and is now born in ME has eternal life.

[Jhn 12:26](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/jhn/12/26/s_1009026) “If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also; if anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.

/When a person becomes born again the nagging pull from the OSN is still present but now we have a new nature to pull us into the light of truth. As you grow you will develop a system of thinking that is no longer thrilled with cosmic viewpoint, in fact it will begin to replace the old ways with new ones.\

ELABORATE…thinking…lifestyle, recognition of sin in your life.

Back in Matthew chapter 10;

[Mat 10:40](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/10/40/s_939040) “He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me.

This speaks to our intimate and divine relationship with God the Father and actually the Trinity in its totality.

When we receive Christ as Lord & Savior we have locked ourselves into the opportunity of intimacy with the Trinity.

Notice I said we have locked it in….meaning it is there if we want to develop it!

/[Mat 10:41](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/10/41/s_939041) “He who receives a prophet in *the* name of a prophet shall **receive a prophet’s reward**; and he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a **righteous man’s reward**.\

The Bible was not yet complete at this point, so when we see the title *prophet*…. TLJC is actual speaking about His teachers and church leaders.

Meaning as these men go forth under His name they should be held in high regard and treated with respect and honor and in doing that, Bels receive recognition or rewards.

Just as the righteous man statement speaks to positive Bels…and how they should be treated among themselves.

/There is a recognition of how the pastor-teacher is treated by those Bels he teaches. There is also the respect and honor we show one another as Bels. There is a code of ethics and grace for Bels to apply to the pastor and fellow Bels.\ ELABORATE

Royal Family Honor Code.

What TLJC is telling these men is that you will be treated with honor and respect by those who are positive Bels.

They will supply your needs, physically & financially and respect that title of pastor-teacher and the fellowship between all Bels needs to be on a high level as well.

That is why TLJC goes on to finish up with this last statement to clarify the importance of treating each other with honor & grace;

/[Mat 10:42](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/10/42/s_939042) “And whoever in the name of a disciple gives to one of these **little ones** (Bels) even a cup of cold water to drink, truly I say to you, he shall not lose his reward.”\

Little one is that Greek adjective

MICK-CROSS meaning lesser or small but is often used to refer to a minority group of followers….those who are still learning.

Look at how TLJC puts emphasis on His disciples…speaking of Bels and church leaders such as pastors.

Those who follow the teaching and apply the doctrine will have blessings and their rewards are guaranteed.

As we wrap up chapter 10, I want to underline the spiritual analogies and important statements Christ made in those last 4 or 5 verses.

/The Lord covers the topic of love & family, separation, trials and tribulation all related to these 11 men (Judas was never fully committed) and what dramatic and difficult changes will arise in the years ahead. This was all done with a strong sense that Jesus was preparing them with a firm hand, with very little compassion on the surface.\

In Mat 10:1 the authority was given;

Mat 10:1 Jesus summoned His twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every kind of disease and every kind of sickness.

This is the power and authority and with it follows what to expect. Just as we have covered in several lessons, very few times in this chapter have we seen TLJC say…I will come and comfort you….I will fight the battles for you….don’t worry its no big deal….none of that.

The fact is TLJC knows this one important fact;

/The Bel who accepts the plan of God will be challenged. Every time they slip away from God and nurture their passions for the things of the world again, it will bring misery & confusion which will only compound their problems over time. Time is valuable and the Lord does not want us wasting it or our gifts that He has given us.\

REPEAT

I’m not talking about having a bad day or falling into a sin once and awhile.

I’m talking about making choices daily against God and staying away from the truth for long periods of time…it will multiply misery for the Bel who already had some forward motion in the plan of God.

For those in any position of authority it will even bring greater pain in the long run because to whom much is given…much is required.

Jesus knew this so He was really giving these men solid advice but it was done in a manner that they probably were a little put off by, because the words and examples used were hard to swallow.

Although the Lord is not dealing with children or really even discipline because these men had not done anything wrong this type of hardline teaching falls under a very similar category.

There is a parent child relationship we have with God and we need to accept the fact that as children we don’t have all the answers and we don’t always make the best choices.

/Pro 22:15 Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; **The rod of discipline** will remove it far from him.

[Pro 23:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/pro/23/13/s_651013) **Do not hold back discipline from the child**, although you strike him with the rod, he will not die.\

We truly do no one under our authority a favor when we coddle and protect them constantly and this is my point.

There are times that a parent… a pastor or a boss or leader foresees something brewing in the environment or people’s attitudes and they need to address it quickly and sternly and those under the authority may not get it.

/[Pro 29:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/pro/29/15/s_657015) **The rod and reproof give wisdom**, But a child who gets his own way brings shame to his mother.\

Remove your focus on the discipline aspect of these scriptures….TLJC wasn’t disciplining the Apostles but He was giving hard advice and stern warnings as a parent does when that young teenager is about to go out into the world and get a taste of freedom.

/In the O.T. & N.T. the children of God have displayed weak character and a yearning for following cosmic viewpoint and satanic influence. Sometimes in the realm of false gods, other times allowing the OSN to have control of their lives. Jesus needed these Apostles to be kept aware and awake concerning these pitfalls.\ REPEAT

There are times a leader needs that hard teaching style, but they need to balance with compassion and know when the time is to use one or the other.

Jesus had plenty of times we can note that He would comfort these men…tell them I’ll be there for you…I’ll be there forever…I’m sending you a comforter…rely on Me and I will protect or guide you.

In fact, more often than not TLJC had a tender approach with these men.

But look at these two scriptures as we close as a reminder;

/Mar 8:33 But turning around and seeing His disciples, **He rebuked Peter** and said, “**Get** **behind** **Me**, **Satan**; for you are not setting your mind on God's interests, but man's.”

Luk 9:41 And Jesus answered and said, **“You unbelieving and perverted generation, how long shall I be with you and put up with you**? Bring your son here.”\

TLJC wasn’t really calling Peter *Satan,* but that his attitude and requests were satanic because it, interfered with the plan of God.

And in Luke chapter nine there were disciples who couldn’t cast out a demon from a boy so Jesus steps in and rebukes them and delivers the child from the demon.

/Knowing when to teach hard lessons or give some one tough love is dependent on the filling power of the Holy Spirit not emotions. It is never designed to be used repetitively and punitively to keep someone in line. It is a wake up and call back to truth that it is designed for.\

Leaders who use tough techniques all the time eventually lose the trust and interest of those under their authority.

People don’t come to truth or wake up to bad habits or negative lifestyles when they are constantly stung with harsh words and insensitive treatment.

The reason it is used from the pulpit is often to save others in the congregation and also as a wake up to help Bels get back to the truth of the word of God.

The Pastor must always have a protective nature toward the whole congregation first before putting one member over all others.

Keep that in mind concerning when a pastor teaches a hard lesson or dishes out tough love.

/The Bel who neglects Bible Doctrine will at some point embrace their old flame of cosmic viewpoint and OSN dominance. If that Bel still maintains contact within a church that can ignite a series of Bels and situations that will become toxic.\

The title of the lesson is…he who loves this life (cosmic system) is destined for misery.

Bel or Unbel the level of misery may vary because even a negative Bel at least goes to heaven. But misery is the guarantee when your affections and attentions are focused on the devils world.