

Repeat: The Win-Win Scenario

Philippians 1:21-26

1. Wrestling with two worthwhile ambitions.

“For me to live is _____: to die is _____.”

2. Wanting to be in the full presence of Christ.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 (NASB)

¹⁶ For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of *the* archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

¹⁷ Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.

2 Corinthians 5:6-8 (NASB)

⁶ Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord—

⁷ for we walk by faith, not by sight—

⁸ we are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.

Heaven’s main attraction will be Jesus.

3. Willing to persevere in serving Christ.

The mark of a maturity is putting my own desires on pause for the needs of others.

1 Corinthians 16:15 (NASB)

¹⁵ Now I urge you, brethren (you know the household of Stephanas, that they were the first fruits of Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves for ministry to the saints),

Romans 6:22 (NKJV)

²² But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life.

Romans 15:28 (NASB)

²⁸ Therefore, when I have finished this, and have put my seal on this fruit of theirs, I will go on by way of you to Spain.

Colossians 1:10 (NASB)

¹⁰ so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please *Him* in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

Hebrews 13:15 (NASB)

¹⁵ Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name.

How much of your life would you describe as “fruitful labor” for Christ?