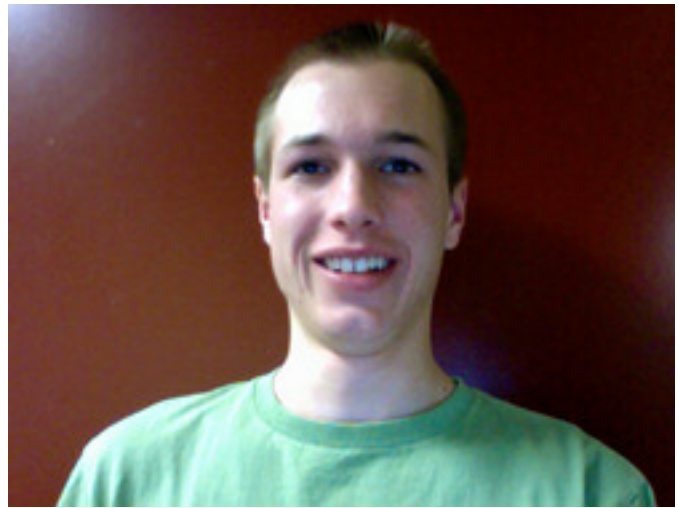


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Matthew 16:26

"What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?"



Discussion for the younger kids:

This verse tells us what things should be important in our lives. Even though video games, movies, clothes, and playing with our friends seem very important to us now, they are nothing compared to the importance of knowing God. We should make sure to take a break from the video games and fun activities with friends and make time for God so that we can learn to love Him more. Even though those fun things seem important now, they will never be as important as God is to us.

For Further Discussion:

We are living in a world that has so much to offer. There are constantly different forms of entertainment, new technical gadgets and other things being invented that are suppose to make our lives even better than they already are. People tend to get all caught up in the unnecessary parts of life like the newest movies, most popular music, latest fashions, and most desirable friends that they compromise their faith and values in order to feel accepted. By seeking to gather treasures here on Earth, we forget to concentrate on God and our relationship with Him. That is the most important thing we can do in our lives. There is nothing on this Earth that can equal the importance of knowing God.

If you would like to ask Derek more about his devotional, you can send an [email](#) to him at camp.