

## Grace Notes

I came across this poem the other day and the author captured the essence of Jesus' statement:

**"For whoever desires to SAVE his life will LOSE it, and whoever will LOSE his life for my sake will FIND it" Matthew 16:25**

the author's name is unknown, but I know what he was trying to say. He said:

"I counted DOLLARS while God counted CROSSES.  
I counted GAINS while He counted LOSSES.  
I counted my worth by the things GAINED in store,  
But He sized me up by the SCARS that I bore.

"I coveted HONORS and sought for degrees.  
He wept as He counted the HOURS ON MY KNEES.  
And I never knew 'til one day at a grave  
How vain are the things that we spend life to save."

Stop and think about it! We spend much of our lives in vain. We spend much time and money on things that have little value. But we can change that. All we have to do is to spend a little more time centered on God and neighbor—and a little more time on our knees—and a little less time centered on self. It's as simple as that.

Who knows where that will take us? I can't even guess where it might lead you. I believe this will happen—if you will lose your life for Jesus' sake, at the end of the day you will be able to say, "By Golly, this is living!" Amen!!!! Alleluia

Be blessed  
Pastor Mike