

## THINGS THAT LAST

(II Corinthians 4:16-18) (St. John 6: 24-27)

Last: To remain in existence or operation; to continue or go on; to be inconsumable or unspent.

This word “LAST” is synonymous to the words endure, abide, bear, durable and to hold up under.

Nothing is forever, except eternity. We should not labor only for the things which perish, but more so for those things which endureth unto everlasting life which Christ shall give unto us.

Man’s appetite in these end times seems to be geared toward things that are not durable or things that will not endure, but more so on things that are not eternal and will perish.

Colossians 3:2 declares, ....”*set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.*”

It is a trick of the devil to influence man that earthly things are eternal and will last forever. There is nothing material on earth that will last. The wise man Solomon said in Ecclesiastes 1:2) .....”*all is vanity.*”

Houses perish. Cars break down and give out. Corporations and businesses fold and go under. Friends give up on you. Clothes don’t last. Money doesn’t last. You have it today and it’s gone tomorrow. Positions don’t last. The state of mortality doesn’t last, because death brings on a different state of being, which is immortality.

What will last? God’s word, man’s soul, eternal life, man’s glorified body, our eternal home,

In vs. 16 of II Corinthians chapter 4, Paul speaks about the outward and the inward man. The outward man is the body or the flesh, which dies slowly through trials and suffering, but the inward man which is the soul and spirit is renewed day by day by the Holy Spirit.

The things we see are not eternal, but the things which we don’t see, they are eternal.

In Luke (12:13-21), Jesus gives a parable of the rich fool. He had accomplished much in his life. He had so much until there was no room to bestow all his goods. He decided to tear down his old barns and build new barns so that he would be able to be sustained for many years. Unfortunately that night, God required of him his soul. You see all souls belong to God. At any given time our souls can be required. We have to remember that the soul of a man lasts forever whether it’s in heaven or hell and the things that we have accomplished on earth no longer matter. Let’s put out affection towards the eternal things so that when we have passed from this life, we will have something that will last. (Eternal life with Christ in our eternal home).