

# WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

MACK 8:35

Scripture: Hebrews 11:13-16

## Introduction

The common attribute in men today is the tendency to accept only the things that can be measured by their senses. If they can't see it, hear it, smell it, taste it, or touch it, it doesn't exist.

The result of all this is a inordinate emphasis on the material and the now. The long range plan is forgotten. Everyone wonders, "What's in it for me?"

## I. The Biblical pattern for spiritual success

### A. Trust God

1. Abraham - See Romans 4:18-22

BC 1921 - LEADIS 42  
CC 1913 - ISRAEL PEOMIS  
1944 - ISRAEL BOD  
BC 1997 - ISRAEL BOD

By faith Abraham...went out not knowing whither he went.

Hebrews 11:8

2. And he believed in the Lord; and he counted it to him for righteousness.

Genesis 15:6

### B. Catch sight of the "Master Plan"

#### 1. Moses

By faith Moses...refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter

Hebrews 11:24

a. Abdicated the Egyptian throne

b. Led Israel out of Egypt

c. Died in Moab

d. Did not enter Canaan

e. Could have wondered, "What's in it for me?"

2. For he had respect unto the recompense of reward.

Hebrews 11:26

GOD

HONORS HIS  
CONTRACTS.

MOSES PRESENT AT  
JESUS TRANSFIGURATION

II. Today's pattern for spiritual success remains unchanged

A. Jim Elliott, Nate Saint, and companions

1. Sent to Ecuadorian Jungle
2. Martyred by Aucas they came to save
3. They could see the master plan  
Though they didn't live to see it,  
the Aucas have accepted the gospel
4. **Wise is the man who trades that  
which he cannot keep for that which  
he cannot lose.**

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III. How to be a certain spiritual failure

A. Try to have your cake and eat it too

1. Ananias and Sapphira
- a. Wanted the Glory and the money too
- b. Slain for lying to the Holy Spirit

2. You have to make a choice

B. Be shortsighted in vision

1. The rich young ruler
- a. Wanted eternal life
- b. Wanted the good life here

2. Chose the good life

C. Worry about what's in it for you

1. Judas
- a. Chosen as an apostle
- b. Took care of number 1
2. Lost position, eternal reward

Conclusion

Tell about Jimmy Doan