

## **Title: THINGS CONNECTED WITH SPIRITUAL LIFE**

**Text: Luke 12:1-15 (key verse: 15)**

**Intro:** The word "life" is so prominent that it is found at least **450X** in the King James Bible. In a survey of "**The 10 Most Important Things in Life,**" the following things were among those noted: family, home, health, friends, money, job, recreation, technology, music, and Facebook.

While such things have a degree of importance, people in general do not really know what is chief. Nothing was ever mentioned about spiritual needs. Truly, people (sadly even professing Christians) are more concerned for the body (not soul); material (not spiritual); temporal (not eternal).

There are seven important things that our spiritual life cannot do without. It is connected with the following –

### **1. THE GOD OF LIFE (Job 33:4b)**

- The Lord God Almighty is the Author and Sustainer of our life (Job 10:12).
- The Lord is the strength of our life (Psa. 27:1)

### **2. THE LORD OF LIFE (John 1:4)**

- If you have Jesus Christ, you have life, and if you don't, you're a dead man (Eph. 2:1), even if you're conscious and walking around. Jesus said, "...**let the dead bury their dead**" (Matt. 8:22).
- You will either get life from God through His Son, or you won't get it (John 14:6, 3:36).

### **3. THE SPIRIT OF LIFE (Job 33:4a)**

- Sin always bring to the sinner spiritual, physical, eternal, and second DEATH (Jas 1:15).
- The Holy Spirit through our new birth had liberated us from such a terrible cycle (Rom. 8:2, 10).

### **4. THE WORD OF LIFE (John 6:63, 68)**

- Those words are in a Book, and that Book is called "**the word of life.**" (Phil. 2:15).
- The "**words**" that Christ spoke will judge every man, woman and child on the Day of Judgment (John 12:48).

## 5. THE TREE OF LIFE (Gen. 2:9)

- When Adam and Eve sinned, they were driven out of the garden so he won't eat of that tree and live forever in their sin (Gen. 3:22-23).
- Later on in the Old Testament, that tree is given a spiritual application (Prov. 11:30; 15:4).
- In the New Testament, that tree is a type of Jesus Christ (John 15:5) and His Gospel (Rom. 11:17-24).
- In Eternity, the tree literally shows up in New Jerusalem for Tribulation saints who keep God's commandments (Rev. 22:14). Saved people in the future who will need to eat of the Tree of Life to get eternal life (Rev. 22:2).

## 6. THE CROWN OF LIFE (Jas. 1:12)

- One of the rewards that a Christian can earn is **“the crown of life.”** It is given to believers who resist and triumph over temptation or dying a martyr's death for the cause of Christ (Rev. 2:10).

## 7. THE BOOK OF LIFE (Luke 10:20)

- That is the book that has the name of every saved person in it, written down in Heaven.
- Twice in the New Testament this book is also called the **“Lamb's Book of life”** (Rev. 13:8; 21:27).
- In the Old Testament this book is also known as the **“Book of the Living”** (Psa. 69:28; Exo. 32:32).
- One day, every single man, woman, and child will stand before God in judgment (Rev. 20:12, 15).
- Is your name in the Book of Life? If you can't answer **“Yes,”** you better get it settled now. If I were you, I wouldn't wait another minute. Repent of your sins, trust in Jesus Christ, and receive Him as your Lord & Saviour.

**Conclusion:** These are the seven things needed for living a successful and a happy life, and obtaining eternal life. You won't find them in any newspaper, radio, TV or the internet. The only place you will find them will be in the Holy Bible.