

**PARADOX #3 – “To Find Your Life Is To Lose It ...  
To Lose Your Life Is To Find It”**

**INTRODUCTION:** PARADOX – “A statement that appears to contradict itself, but actually has a basis in truth.”

- Jesus issues this PARADOX 3 different times – Matthew 10:39, Mark 8:35, Luke 17:33, John 12:25
- “**LIFE**” can mean ... Physical Life, Eternal Life, Quality of Life.

**1.- A Life Of PERSECUTION – Matthew 10:39**

**10:16-18** – The Disciples were in for a rough time.

**10:34** – The Christian life isn’t a life of “peace” – 2 Timothy 3:12

- We’re in a Spiritual war ... YOU CAN ... SURRENDER, and “lose” your LIFE ... FIGHT, and “find” your LIFE – **10:39**
- Do you want “peace” at any cost? In your FAMILY – **10:39** ... In your WITNESSING – **10:39**

**2.- A Life Of PROFIT – Mark 8:35**

**8:36-37** – Jesus is speaking of your SOUL.

- You can “find” your life in the WORLD, but “lose” it – **8:36**
- You can “lose” your life from the WORLD, and “find” it – **8:37-38**
- It’s going to COST you to follow Christ – **8:34**
- 8:34** – We’re to live a “*crucified*” life to find real meaning in life.

**3.- A Life Of PREPARATION – Luke 17:33**

**17:26-30** - In APPLICATION, times similar to the RAPTURE.

- We need to be READY for Christ’s return ... HOW? **17:33**
- Are your “best years” going to be NOW, or in ETERNITY? **17:33**

**4.- A Life Of PLENTY – John 12:25**

**12:23** – Jesus is speaking of His coming crucifixion.

**12:24** – Jesus gives a PARABLE ... LIFE comes by DEATH.

- To bear “fruit”, DIE to self, be PLANTED in Christ – 2 Cor. 5:17
- The LIFE you LOVE determines your FRUIT – Jn. 15:8, Mt. 7:19
- Your FRUIT gives evidence of your LOVE – **12:25**

**CONCLUSION:** Colossians 3:1-3

- Eventually you’re going to LOSE everything you’ve got, here on this Earth.
- Give your SINS to Jesus ... NOW!