



“The fruit of righteousness is a tree of life; and he that wins souls is wise.” Proverb 11:30

Jim Elliot, the martyred missionary to the South American Auca tribe said, “He is no fool, who gives up what he cannot keep, to gain that which he cannot lose.”

Men tend toward holding on to things tightly; so tightly in fact, that they turn white-knuckled in their determination to hold on to things that are only temporal in nature. While we do live in a temporal, material world and therefore must dance with such things, they are not to be our overriding concern. Jesus said, “For your heaven Father knows that you have need of all these things.” (Matthew 6:32). Knowing then that this world is passing away and also knowing that men’s eternal destiny await our telling them the Good News of Jesus Christ, we too, like Jim Elliot, must be wise!

Wisdom then exchanges temporal and material blessings for the eternal. Wisdom lays up treasure in heaven. (Matthew 6:19 – 21). Wisdom sees the eternal souls of men more valuable than natural wealth and invests into those lives and ministries that are reaching the lost. Wisdom sees the worth of a soul as an immeasurable value and prioritizes all of life around such knowledge.

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Who’s fool are you?

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