

Being All In
Outline – January 28, 2024
Luke 9:23-25, Romans 6:11-14, Romans 12:1-2

The Black Belt Who Wasn't

- I. The news is filled with the imposter who deceived others**
 - A. The person who lived a double life
 - B. Lying co-workers
 - C. Lying to family
 - D. Not to be confused with imposter syndrome

- II. The question many ask: "How can anyone do that?"**
 - A. The struggle within
 - B. When what we know doesn't align with what we do...

- III. The soul/psyche image connection**
 - A. When what you present (image) is not who you are in your soul
 1. Bully/narcissist
 2. Pharisees
 3. Carnal Christian
 - B. Duplicity
 1. Deception
 2. Double-dealing

- IV. The problem with duplicity (being an imposter)**
 - A. You can only do that for so long
 1. You eventually "snap"
 2. You are eventually found out
 3. Because the gap between who you are and who you pretend to be will expand until it cracks
 - B. A healthy soul has little tolerance for personal deceit
 1. A healthy soul and image are in sync
 2. God looks at the heart

- V. The problem of neglecting the soul**
 - A. What looks like:
 1. No time in The Word
 2. No time in worship (with others)

3. No time in wonder (and awe)
 4. No time as a witness
 5. No time working for Him
- B. Our soul becomes weak, creating a capacity for personal deceit
1. Knowledge doesn't match behavior
 2. It hurts us and those we love
 3. A gap between who you are and who you pretend to be breaks down
 4. What is inside breaks down, breaks out
- C. We all have the potential to do things we never thought we would do
- D. Our great common problem: we do not monitor what's going on the inside

VI. The Treatment Plan of God

- A. Offer yourself as a living sacrifice
1. You must be all in
 - a. Marriage
 - b. College
 - c. Athletics
 2. Not just when you need Him
 3. Your greatest regret occurred when you were not all in
- B. Remember God has paid for your/my sin
1. Sin, selfishness, self-centered
 2. But to enjoy the freedom and keep from being enslaved again
 3. We must offer all of who we are
 4. Surrender all of who we are, so that sin is no longer our master
 5. Sin can be a terrible master
- C. Our appetites and selfishness creates self-deception
1. "I urge you in view of God's mercy"
 2. Paul was speaking from experience
 3. To not be conformed to this world, but be transformed

VII. What God will do (when you surrender to Him)

- A. Renew your mind
1. God's will frees you
 2. God's Word guides you
 3. God's way restores you

VIII. The "Pushback" of many

- A. God's will scares me
1. Some may leave/laugh

2. Some will respect/receive
- B. God's will brings:
 1. Life, love, liberty, legacy
 2. Plan, perfect, purpose, pleases (God)

IX. The formula of Jesus (If you want who you are to match up with who you present)

- A. Deny yourself
 1. Life is not about you
 2. Listen to eulogies
- B. Take up your cross
 1. The cross means the end of doing things your way
- C. Follow Him
- D. Understand your soul is precious
- E. Beware of gaining the world and losing your soul
- F. At first, this may not come easy
 1. It may feel awkward
 2. It may not be easy
- G. But each day, each morning begin
 1. Renewing your mind
 2. Receive His message
 3. Recognize Messiah
 4. Restore your mission

**When We Seek His Will,
We Become Stronger and Better**