

## What Was Started

## Focusing on the Enduring

The story of Mary and Martha ends with Jesus saying, "Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her" (Lk 10:42).

- What does "shall not be taken away from her" mean?

There is an expression, "Majoring in the minors."

- What is that supposed to mean and what is an example of that?

- Job said: naked I came from my mother's womb and naked I shall return (Job 1:21)
- Solomon put it this way: As he had come naked from his mother's womb, so will he return as he came. He will take nothing from the fruit of his labor that he can carry in his hand (Ecc 5:15)
- Paul wrote: for we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it (1 Tim 6:7)

Actually, we do take a few things with us. This is the focus of this lesson.

### A. As we come into this world:

1. we brought a p\_\_\_\_\_ and i\_\_\_\_\_ s\_\_\_\_\_
2. we were gifted with certain i\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
(1 Cor 12:1-19)

- Where does our personality come from?
- What is the difference between personality and character?

- Is one more important than the other?
- Can personality change?
- How is character made?

### The Bible places a great emphasis upon our character

Rom 8:29; Eph 4:32; 1 Pet 1:16; 2 Pet 1:5-9

- What helps and what hurts our character?

### The world places more emphasis upon:

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Self more than o\_\_\_\_\_

Happiness more than c\_\_\_\_\_

Looking good more than being r\_\_\_\_\_

Pleasing self more than pleasing the \_\_\_\_\_

### B. As we leave this world:

1. we leave i\_\_\_\_\_ & e\_\_\_\_\_

2. we take with us

- a r\_\_\_\_\_ of our life
- a soul f\_\_\_\_\_ of sins
- a h\_\_\_\_\_ in our Savior

### C. Philippians 1:6 "God began a work in you"

1. It is up to us to c\_\_\_\_\_ o\_\_\_\_\_ this work
2. we do this by placing emphasis upon what m\_\_\_\_\_ to God  
(Mt 6:33)

- we do this by b\_\_\_\_\_ a righteous heart and character
- we do this by being mindful of those who f\_\_\_\_\_ us

