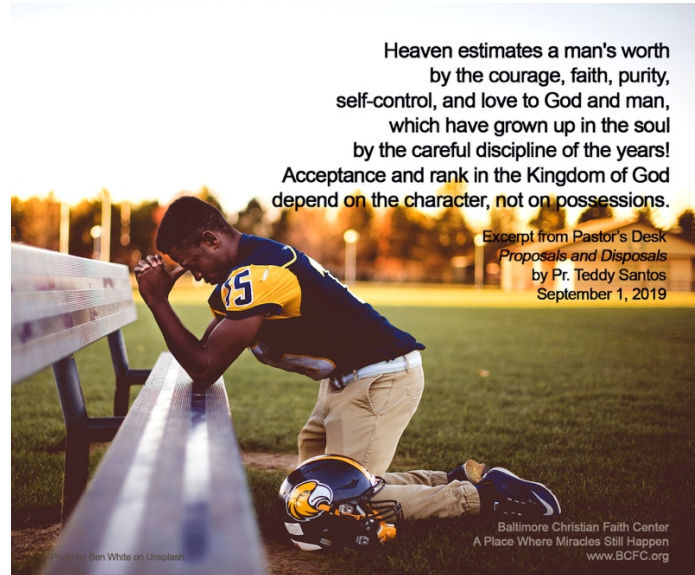


PROPOSALS AND DISPOSALS

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And He said to them, "**Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.**" — Luke 12:15

People are often more eager to get God's help in temporalities than in spiritualities. Our Lord insisted that life does not consist in the abundance of things of which we may happen to be possessed. We say: "So and so is worth a million bucks!" Heaven estimates a man's worth by the courage, faith, purity, self-control, and love to God and man, which have grown up in the soul by the careful discipline of the years! Acceptance and rank in the Kingdom of God depend on the character, not on possessions.

How often man proposes, and God disposes! We say, "We shall yet live for many years, and enjoy the fruit of our labors"; but God says: "To-night!" Listen to the Apostle James, speaking to those who said, "To-day or tomorrow we will go to this city or that, and spend a year there, and carry on a successful business! All the while, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. For your life is but a mist, which appears on the hill-side, but vanishes at the touch of dawn. Surely, we ought to say: If it is the Lord's will, we shall live, and do this or that" (James 4:13-17).

Many talk of seeing life only in its most degenerate and ugly side. If a man wishes to view life, and know happy days, the secret is given in 1 Peter 3:10-19. When analyzed, this is the message of the Gospel, "That God has given us the life of the ages, and that this life is in Christ Jesus. He who has the Son has the Life." (John 3:36; 1 John 5:12).

In His service,
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