

What is Gain to Me?

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Years ago, a young lad with tears streaming down his face, passed my husband as he shook hands after a church service.

Richard left the other people, knelt beside him behind the church building and carefully looked into his face. “What is wrong, sonny?” “I’ve disobeyed God” blurted out of the lad. Apparently, he was carrying his very own dime, with which to buy an ice cream after the service. But, as the missionary offering plate passed, he felt he ought to give his precious dime, but instead decided to clutch on to it in his pocket. “Sir is it too late?” he desperately asked Richard, who had his arms tenderly around him.

A prayer followed, in which Richard praised God that he had witnessed two miracles: The first, was a young boy who now wanted to obey God rather than lick an ice cream: The second, was that the young boy gladly gave his ten cents for Missions, to which such love offerings gave opportunity for boys and girls in faraway places to also hear of the love of Jesus for them.

As a believer, are we holding onto to what we think is ‘ours’. Are all our possessions available as unto the Lord? Do we really mean that, “***Those things that are gain to me, I have counted loss for Christ***”? Philippians 3:7. What do I really count as ‘gain’ as unto the Lord and what do I really count as ‘loss’ unto Him? **Do I live for this world and forget that all I have in my Lord Jesus Christ, cannot be compared with anything that this world can offer?**