

## Special Hour 2

on Him that in comparison with Him we are ready to put all these things away and count them but dung that we might win Christ. I think that what He wants is that there be absolutely nothing. One of us doesn't care a thing about lands or goods or money or anything like that, but he likes to be spoken well of. He likes to have somebody say, "My, that was a good sermon you preached. My, that was helpful to me," and another man doesn't care much about fame but he does like comfort. He likes a good meal and a good comfortable place to live, and different ones have different things that mean so much to them and the Lord doesn't mean for us to throw aside everything of this earth and go off and live in a cave. That isn't what He wants, but the Lord wants us to have all these things absolutely indifferent to us so that we don't care whether we have them or not because the thing we are interested in is the love of the Lord Jesus Christ, the only one who is true. No one can have eternal life unless everything is of absolutely <sup>no</sup> importance to him except the will of God, and there is no one to be <sup>and eternal life</sup> considered good except God, the Lord Jesus Christ. He wants all of us or none of us. He wants a supreme devotion, a complete consecration and we cannot serve God and mammon, and yet the interesting thing is that that very chapter which tells us, the chapter just two before this, Luke 16 which tells us in verse 13 that no man can serve two masters; you cannot serve God and mammon, in the very same chapter in verse 9, He says, "And I say unto you, make yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness; that, when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations. No man can serve God and mammon. Make you friends of the mammon of unrighteousness. What a contrast, but what He means is simply that all the things of this world He wants you to use as instruments. He wants you to use them for His purposes; He wants you to be willing to take fame, or comfort or money or position, or anything that He gives you, and to use it as an instrument for advancing His gospel and to care nothing about it for yourself but to care everything about it as a means for advancing His work.