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SUBJECT: The Profits of
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(The Promises of Life)

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THE PROMISE OF LIFE (The Profit of Godliness)

- 4: 9 "a faithful saying" Four ? them
- (1) I Tim. 1: 15 — the foundation of our eternal salvation
 - (2) I Tim. 4: 8, 9 — the double blessing in time and eternity
 - (3) II Tim. 2: 12, 11 — our ultimate triumph
 - (4) I Tim. 3: 8 — our life / dedicated service

4: 8 σωστικὴν γυμνασίαν πρὸς ὀλίγον
 when Paul notes the great emphasis the Greeks placed upon physical culture, development of the body, *gymnasia*? *leis*.
γυμνός - naked, bare. So *γυμνασία*, exercise, "training".
 Paul admits some profit πρὸς ὀλίγον, toward a little, a little for a little time. But εὐσεβείᾳ, the worship of God, the reward for the true, pious, godliness πρὸς πάντῃ for everything is profitable - not even limited by this life, but overflows to heaven; forever and ever.

By neither means values nor more values than life.
 Not money etc. as though it were nothing: to be rid of...
 Not overvalue as though it the main object, prefer it to eternal life, give energy for this life but give nothing for God's love.
 By values well, but place this life in an honorable but secondary position.
 f. you in mat. 6: 33 "But seek ye first..."
 f. Paul in Rom. 8: 18 "For I reckon... this present life is not worth the wages..."

I. Profitable for the life that now is.
 ΕΧΟΥΣΑ 'having' Have it now.
 1. John 5:24 'death'

1. The blessing to business now: quietness & health.
 is the story, real somewhere: the executive business man, in
 the financial world, living with his wife. An opportunity for great
 money, but shady. He asked her; she reply: 'John, when the money
 comes, come as it & time for you to get up. I call, John, no answer.
 John, no answer; they go together, shake your, John, it is
 time for you to get up. I would hate to sell you, John, no (and
 you stay, nice meals."
 said miss paying
 breast early last year the 7th
 future - have to see into rule, govern, control.

2. The blessing to business now: your obedience to God's will.
 of not - and to please God?
 - you -
 - an answer -
 of Paul - had nothing, worked with hands, but possessed all things
 - 'rents, death is uncertain' 'strong right' but
 - 'no reputation' abroad, but highest fame, accepting
 known to God.

enriched when degraded
 gain by his losses
 grows by his weakness
 lives by dying

3. The blessing to business now: the presence of God
 in solitude - with him. Never debased from the
 world & the heavenly art. The divine love shining to him
 in supernatural order.
 in death - living now
 - dying now then.
 - 'a deposit' to with it, which is for better'

by miss... death - living now
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 - dying now then.
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II. Ineptitude for the life that is to come.

Another life beyond this fleshly existence.
 Daily graces of the untroubled location. None so degraded as not to
 more clearly witness by the philosophy. Some somnolence in the
 more height of the day; peace beyond the stream!
 death, thought they saw the shades of creatures once here.
 The gospel of a bright life, immortality to light. But I was old:
 (1) to the $\sqrt{2}$ nothing, flying beyond Jesus, genuine blessing
 (2) to the ineptly, nothing, a world, turn, yet against, facilities.

The terrible loss of the ungodly man.
 Learning, character... in a year
 Personal beauty, accomplishment... is a shrivel
 Benevolence, redignity - by not as a man
 - here removed by ~~death~~ as sinners
 - death, soul, whatever as self, present
 Wealth - just down down, build greater. How fast...

The infinite gain, blessing of the godly man.
 And this is the ~~promise~~ of the blessing of the faithful life.

When the sun is black or red
 - moon is seen as one
 - stars fall like withered fig
 - hearing as rocks look like a dust
 like waves with mountains turn ash

Some like a shadowed sea, raised up in a fair flower
 - dull forest
 - seed, wheat, the leaf, stalk, fruit

I Joh 3:2 death not yet appears what we shall be...
 a promise for my ~~soul~~
 body, too.

The materialist
 members with beauty of the field
 without for ornament. miserable prospect, deterioration
 earnest in grandeur but our wretchedness; dreamy world
 infidelity!

The religious
 perverted fine of skills - former between it to keep us
 primary, as that in some unknown way mechanical - not it.
 his business out, hope out, evaporated!
 (2) the poor work seems to me. all his life, may be said, to my heart.

But Rev. 14:13 about for body...