

John 12:23-12:26 "Jesus answered them, saying, "The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified. ²⁴Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain. ²⁵He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor."

The Paradox that Jesus was teaching:

1. Only by DEATH Can You GAIN LIFE

(Joh 12:24 Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain.)

(a) It is only through HIS DEATH that we can have eternal life
(Rom 3:25 whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed,)

(b) We died WITH CHRIST
(Rom 6:8-11 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, (9) knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. (10) For *the death* that He died, He died to sin once for all; but *the life* that He lives, He lives to God. (11) Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord., Col 3:5 Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.)

约 12:23-26 耶稣说：「人子得荣耀的时候到了。（24）我实实在在的告诉你们，一粒麦子不落在地里死了，仍旧是一粒，若是死了，就结出许多子粒来。（25）爱惜自己生命的，就丧失生命；在这世上恨恶自己生命的，就要保守生命到永生。（26）若有人服事我，就当跟从我；我在那里，服事我的人也要在那里；若有人服事我，我父必尊重他。」

耶稣所教导的反合性：

1. 只有藉着死亡，你才能获得真正的生命

（约 12:24 我实实在在的告诉你们，一粒麦子不落在地里死了，仍旧是一粒，若是死了，就结出许多子粒来。）

(a) 靠着耶稣的死我们才可以得到永生
(罗 3:25 神设立耶稣作挽回祭，是凭着耶稣的血，藉着人的信，要显明神的义；因为他用忍耐的心宽容人先时所犯的罪，)

(b) 我们与基督同死

（罗 6:8-11 我们若是与基督同死，就信必与他同活。（9）因为知道基督既从死里复活，就不再死，死也不再作他的主了。（10）他死是向罪死了，只有一次；他活是向神活著。（11）这样，你们向罪也当看自己是死的；向神在基督耶稣里，却当看自己是活的。西 3:5 所以，要治死你们在地上的肢体，就如淫乱、污秽、邪情、恶欲，和贪婪（贪婪就与拜偶像一样）。）

2. Only By SPENDING YOUR LIFE Can You Keep It

(Joh 12:25 He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.)

- Most people have the attitude to “get all you can” God wants us to GIVE ALL WE CAN
- My dreams, desires and ambitions come second to FOLLOWING THE LORD

3. Only By SERVING Does Greatness Come

(Joh 12:26 If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.)

- People want to be number one, but God says by LOVING OTHERS and thinking of their welfare do we become great.
- God honours those who SERVE HIM FAITHFULLY

2. 只有通过舍去生命才能保住生命

(约 12:25 爱惜自己生命的，就丧失生命；在这世上恨恶自己生命的，就要保守生命到永生。)

- 绝大多数人是尽己所能索取一切，但是神向我们尽我们所能奉献、给予
- 我的梦想、渴求与雄心都次于跟随主

3. 只有通过谦卑事奉，才有高升尊荣

(约 12:26 若有人服事我，就当跟从我；我在那里，服事我的人也要在那里；若有人服事我，我父必尊重他。)」)

- 人们都想要争做大的，但神说通过爱他人，将他人的利益放在前面，那才是天国里大的
- 神荣耀那些忠心事奉他的人