

QUESTIONS THAT MATTER II Kings 4:26

Introduction

1. Review the story.
2. Some questions are important, some are not.
3. Three very important questions are asked in this story. **Verse 26**
 - a. Is it well with thee?
 - b. Is it well with thy husband?
 - c. Is it well with thy children?

I. Is It Well With Thee?

A. If we judge on the basis of health, clothes, house, job, things, etc., then the answer may be yes.

1. However, consider the rich man of **Luke 16:19,20**.
2. Now, compare Job.
 - a. Job had seven sons, three daughters, seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, 500 yoke of oxen, 500 she asses, and a very great household.
 - b. God said, "have you considered my servant Job?"
 - c. Satan responds, "Does Job fear God for nothing?"
 - d. God must have felt, "all I need is a 'know-it-all' devil.
 - e. To prove he didn't know it all, he allowed the devil to take away all that Job had.
 - f. "In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly." 1:22
 - g. Things were well with Job, especially spiritually, and in the end, physically. Job 42:12-17

B. It is well with men) not when they have many material things) but when they are well Spiritually. (The word "sound" in the Bible sometimes means to be in good spiritual Health).

1. A man's life consists not in the abundance of the things he possesses. Lk. 12:15
2. What is more important than the soul? Mat. 16:24-26

II. Is It Well With Thy Husband?

- A. We must be concerned with others! Especially family members.
1. Consider the example of Cain, Noah, Jonah, and others in this regard.
 2. Think of ones spouse. I Pet. 3:1,2

III. Is It Well With Thy Child?

A. We are responsible for our children. Prov. 22:6; Eph 6:4

1. Modern children who run away from home may be looking for their parents.
2. The reason things are not well with some children at home is that our teaching and example are about as consistent as the dad who told his young son while browsing in the toy department, "**now, son, if you promise to be quiet as a mouse when you get home, I'll buy you a drum.**"

B. Children need direction.

1. Children need love and discipline. Heb. 12:5-11.

C. We must rely on the Lord to help raise our children. Eph. 6:1-4