

# A Hot Rodder's Questions

Jim Rowlett is chaplain of the National Street Rod Association and the Lone Star Street Rod Association. The logo for his ministry features a 1932 Ford Highboy with a cross above it and the Scripture verse Matthew 16:26 between the two.

The verse states: "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

Rowlett said many have asked why the Scripture reference is used. "While it seems self-explanatory, people don't always realize how easy it is to put 'things' ahead of God. It became very obvious to me, after the construction of our chopped 1938 Chevrolet Sedan, that I had allowed the vehicle to take priority in my life. The goal of having a vehicle that was worthy of attention consumed my time and attention. I thank God that the obsession did not continue to dominate my world. I've learned to keep the cross above the car!"



Rowlett also poses a series of questions:

- What if God couldn't take the time to bless us today because we couldn't take the time to thank Him yesterday?
- What if God decided to stop leading us tomorrow because we didn't follow Him today?
- What if we never saw another flower bloom because we grumbled when God sent the rain?
- What if God didn't walk with us today because we failed to recognize it as His day?
- What if God took away His message because we failed to listen to His messenger?
- What if God didn't send His only begotten Son because He wanted us to be prepared to pay the price for sin?
- What if the church was closed because we didn't open the door to our hearts?
- What if God stopped loving and caring for us because we failed to love and care for others?
- What if God would not hear us today because we would not listen to Him yesterday?
- What if God answered our prayers the way we answer His call to service?
- What if God met our needs the way we give Him our lives?
- What if ...

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Rowlett's questions convict us all. Fortunately, we serve a loving, merciful God. When we miss the mark He has set for us, He is eager to forgive and restore our relationship with Him as we come to Him in faith and repentance.

– Beecher Hunter