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**From:** John Kozlowski <John@Kozlowski.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 8, 2017 4:14 PM  
**To:** John@Kozlowski.org  
**Subject:** What you win them with is what you win them to.

Greetings,

It has been encouraging to have several communicate with me via phone and email on my attempt to reconcile with my wife and others. While the sentiment has been expressed by others, a recent email stood out. I will not identify the writer.

The email's focus was to regain a substantial income to be inviting for my family to return. This would show them how I have changed. Well, there are issues. I have changed, but those changes are to be one who follows the Lord Jesus Christ all the more and the world much less than in my past. Consider "*You cannot serve God and wealth.*" (Mat 6:24, Luk 16:13)

Using the often sited line "what you win them with is what you win them to", it calls into question what did I win my wife to? Was she won to that clumsy but outspoken pro-life activist attempting to follow the Lord, or was it the guy who drove the new BMW? I have matured in the former, and walked away from the latter.

I think these issues were addressed with in "**Jim Cross and the least of these**" (<http://family.kozlowski.org/2017-09-06+1>), and the related "**Holding Jobs**" (<http://family.kozlowski.org/2017-07-02+1>). The latter asks a question that has not been responded to. Essentially, how much should I be willing to hurt or kill others to make life better for my family? If you think being part of a large corporation doesn't put you in that position, even doing software, I'm sorry to say that you are naive, as the second video references.

I want to instill into my family the joy and the cost of following the Lord. It is my contention that seeking substantial income, following the almighty dollar, is to only offer the Lord half or less of my heart. I failed on that in the past, and have no desire to fail anymore. I will contend on that, which I repeatedly state is an act of love.

Yes I do have the "tools to make a lot of money", but I can also use those tools to love others in a substantial way, such as described in "**Jim Cross and the least of these**". I can use those tools for a big house and lots of entertainment, or to love others that I will never see. I choose the latter.

If I won my wife because I was a man who would contend to follow the Lord, then I can only win her back by showing a man who does the same with more vigor. If she is after the world, the world offers no hope. I pursue her to this day with hope in the Lord.

Respectfully,

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*Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.*

Ecclesiastes 12:13