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A parable: The Two Boxes

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Most all young boys desire to have a puppy to love and train. One such boy received a puppy for his sixth birthday. During the summer the boy and the puppy bonded to one another and were inseparable until the boy started back to school that fall.

Each day after school that first week the young boy could hardly wait to get home to play and romp with his puppy. The puppy had to stay outside on a chain beside his dog house each day while the young boy was at school, but was set free upon arrival of his master. As the school year progressed that young boy began to make new friends in school and spent much time in the homes of his new friends. The puppy began to get neglected and only got a pat from the young boy as he fed and watered his puppy each morning.

A wall of separation began to build between the boy and his dog. Instead of being a joy to have, the dog was now a time robber. He still had to take care of his dog, and that meant more time from his friends and their activities. The dog was never allowed to grow and mature to do what dogs are to do, to be a friend and companion. The dog's life was on the end of a chain. He was fed and watered once a day, but had no relationship with his master.

One cold and snowy night, the dog died from a broken heart, loneliness and his master's neglect. Only after the death of his dog, did the boy realize his lack of compassion for the friend that he had spent time with in summer before school started. For now the boy knew his dog only wanted love and friendship from him. And his dog would have given his all to serve his master.

What is your position with your Lord Jesus Christ? Have you put yourself in a box of world activities and Jesus Christ in another box? Does a wall of separation exist between you and Jesus? Do you peek out of your box into the box you put

Jesus in when you have a few minutes of time once a day or once a week? Take the time to tear down the boxes in your life and take the time to seek Jesus in prayer and the Word of God; for the world and all that is in it will fade away. Jesus Christ is forever. Serve Jesus with your all and give nothing to the world except the love of Jesus Christ.