Receiving and Imparting VALUE

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Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ***But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.*** Matthew 10:29-31

So, affectionately longing for you, ***we were well pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God, but also our own lives, because you had become dear to us.*** 1 Thessalonians 2:8

The Challenge to Our Value

We live in a day that we are constantly bombarded with value issues, relationship issues and many other forces at work combating our sense of worth and value to God.

There is a lot of _____ going on.

There is a lot of undervaluation going on.

Many people are looking to the wrong sources in an attempt to establish value.

Jesus Gives Validation of our Value

When we read the stories of the Gospels, Jesus is always finding ways to impart and communicate value to others.

Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap, which have neither storehouse nor barn; and God feeds them. ***Of how much more value are you than the birds?*** Luke 12:24

If then God so clothes the grass, which today is in the field and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, ***how much more will He clothe you****, O you of little faith?* Luke 12:28

What God has done for us _____ our true value.

Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should ***be holy and without blame before Him in love,*** *having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace,* ***by which He made us accepted in the beloved.*** Ephesians 1:4-6

The enemy's unrelenting effort is to attempt to redefine what God calls precious, as worthless.

Core Point: In a world that devalues what is precious to God, we need to be sure we are appreciating the true value of what God gives. The measure of value we place in God's kingdom determines the value we receive in return.

For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. ***But we have this treasure in earthen vessels****, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us."* 2 Corinthians 4:6–7

There are many ways of determining value, but ultimately what one is willing to pay for it determines true worth.

Giving Value to What God Calls Precious

Our _____. 1 Peter 1:7, 2 Peter 1:1

We sent Timothy, who is our brother and God's fellow worker in spreading the gospel of Christ, ***to strengthen and encourage you in your faith****, so that no one would be unsettled by these trials.* 1 Thessalonians 3:2-3

~ The **promises** of God. 2 Peter 1:4

~ The **blood of Christ**. 1 Peter 1:19

~ The harvest field **of people**. James 5:7

Value must be given to Godly influences in your life.

Then He said to them, "Take heed what you hear. ***With the same measure you use, it will be measured to you****; and to you who hear, more will be given.* Mark 4:24

You determine the measure of impartation you will receive **by the value you place** on what you are receiving.

Choose to Impart God's Value to Others

We often _____ the difference imparting value can make.

I am sending him to you for this very purpose*, that you may know how we are,* ***and that he may encourage you.*** Ephesians 6:21-22

The LORD God gives me the right words to encourage the weary*. Each morning he awakens me eager to learn his teaching.* Isaiah 50:4

God Seeks to Impart Value (1 Thessalonians 2:8)

May our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace ***gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.*** 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

Core Statement: I will place the highest value on all that God has given to me! God sees me as precious and beloved, and I am! I will also seek to impart God's value to others as I give away the good news of Jesus Christ!