Receiving and Imparting Value

Agape Life Church

Part 2

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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

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.

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

Jesus Gives Validation of our Value

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

The enemy's unrelenting effort is to attempt to redefine what God calls precious, as worthless. **The whole Bible is the story of receiving and imparting value. (Mark 4:24)**

Choose to Impart God's Value to Others (2 Corinthians 4:6-7)

Give value to the _____ . (Paul)

Give value to **others**. (Barnabas & Tychicus)

But that ye also may know my affairs, and how I do, ***Tychicus, a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, shall make known to you all things:*** *Whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose,* ***that you might know our affairs, and that he might comfort your hearts.*** Ephesians 6:21-22

Give value to your **family relationships**. (Ruth)

Give value to your _____. (Jonathan and David)

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.

Now when he had finished speaking to Saul, ***the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.*** *Saul took him that day, and would not let him go home to his father's house anymore. Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul. And Jonathan took off the robe that was on him and gave it to David, with his armor, even to his sword and his bow and his belt.* 1 Samuel 18:1-4

How did Jonathan communicate value to David?

- Jonathan **believed** in David.
- Jonathan **communicated** his encouragement to David.
- Jonathan **took action** to support David.
- Jonathan was willing **to sacrifice** to see David succeed.
- Jonathan was **loyal** to David.

Steps to Impart God's Value to Others

1. Know what _____ to contribute. Acts 3:6
2. Be willing to connect and associate with others.
3. _____ your words to make an impact.
4. Release the will of God **through prayer**.
5. **Think about** what they need most from you, and give it.
6. **Depend on God** to impart the work.
7. Believe in the **supernatural answers** God will impart!

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus*, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.* ***Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.*** Romans 15:5-7 NIV

Our lives can be a chain of defining moments that are **moments of encouragement,** that we will always be remembered for.

The Bible is full of stories of defining moments in the lives of people. People are inspired by the stories of people who have seized their moment and made a difference in someones life.

The act of imparting good is a defining time in life.

To the world you may be one person, but to one person you may be the world, **be that one person!** ***That is the Christian life.***

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!