



True Value

# Value (valuable)

- Merit, worth, importance, usefulness
- Monetary worth; market price, cost
- Ideals, standards, moral code of ethics
  - 1 Sm.26:24, Saul's life
  - Mt.6:26, man and bird
  - Mt.12:12, man and sheep
  - Mt.27:9, Christ

# I. Worldly Values Distort Our Goals

# 1. Possessions / purchasing power

What value in eternity (Lk.16)?

Easily distract from God's service

- Self-deception, Mk.4:19
- Self-destruction, 1 Tim.6:9-10
- Self-determination, Hb.11:25

1. Possessions/purchasing power

## 2. Power

- Only temporary. Is.14

Earthly power does not transfer  
into eternal power, glory, or fame

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2. Power

### 3. **Pleasure**

- A misguided and deadly emphasis.

But she who lives in pleasures  
is dead while she lives – 1 Tim.5:6

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Deter Our Growth

# To serve Christ I need...

- Eloquence. Ex.4:10. Ac.18:24
- Education. Jn.7:15; Ac.4:13
- Charisma, charm. Pr.31:30
- Convenience. Ac.24:24-25
- Good looks. Ga.4:13-14. Is.53
- Good health. 1 Tim.5:23. 3 Jn.2
- Years of study, wisdom. Ac.8
- Youth. Phm.9. 3 Jn.1



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III. Worthy Values  
Display Our Gospel

# 1. Faith in God that produces self-denial, Hb.11:6, 24-25

- Mt.4:18-20; Ac.20:24
- Mt.13:44-46. Be even more dedicated to spiritual values (25:25)
- Mt.22:37, total commitment: a pledge / promise to surrender to will of Lord

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## 2. Way of life that reveals who and what we are

Acts 4:13



**Distinctive  
preaching**

**Distinctive  
living**

1. **Entertainment**, Ro.12:1-2

2. **Speech**, Col.4:5-6

3. **Habits**, 1 Pt.2:12

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- Acts 4-5
  - Focus on proof
  - Faithful in proclamation
  - Fearless in persecution
  - Finish in praise

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For what is a man profited if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

– Mt.16:26