



# **PUT GOD FIRST - LIFE GOES BEST**

## **Part 1- MONITORING YOUR PERSONAL WORTH**

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### **INTRO**

- **God's Way vs World's way**
  - **Personal Worth**
  - **Possessions**
  - **Passions**
  - **Treatment of People**

#### **Personal Worth – Defined**

- The value you place on yourself
- Your Sense of Identity
- The summary of your sense of significance and security.

### **A. THE STUPID THINGS WE BASE OUR WORTH ON**

1. Pleasing Looks - If I look this way, I must
  2. Powerfulness – If I can do this, I must
  3. Possessions – If I own this, I must be
  4. Performance – If I do this well, I must
  5. Position – If I hold this role, I must be
  6. Popularity – If I know all these people,
  7. Passion – If I perform a certain way
  8. Perfection – If I never screw up – make no mistakes
- Let God lift you up – don't base your worth on the wrong things.
  - I Peter 5:6 - Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.

### **B. RECOGNIZE THE SIN OF COMPARISON**

Gal 6:3,4 – Take pride in yourself without comparing yourself to someone else.

- COMPARE against the standard of who you are and who you can be.



- Why comparison is a sin!
- **DANGER 1-** Comparing to someone who you perceive BELOW you...
  - Can always find some worse- pride, ego, look down on them, think we are better than them, not work hard or give our best. Too confident in ourselves.
- **DANGER 2-** Comparing to someone who you perceive ABOVE you....
  - Can always find some better- poor me, I am no good, discouraged, self-hatred, envy them, bitter, give up, not risk, feel useless.
  - Gal 1:10 – pleasing God or other people
  - Learn to live to the Audience of ONE!
  - Let God be the one you are trying to impress!

### C. IT'S WHAT'S INSIDE THAT COUNTS

- The story of David being anointed as KING
- I Sam. 16:7- Man looks on the Outside – God looks on the Heart
- Who you are will always surface.
- What's in the well comes up in the bucket.
- Who you are on the inside is who you really are.

### D. FINDING THE BALANCE OF BEING YOU

Proper basis of SELF WORTH

- **Appreciating your STRENGTHS**
  - 1 Peter 4:10,11
  - Gifts are given to all of us so that we can serve others
- **Accepting your LIMITATIONS**
  - Phil 4:13- I can do all things...
  - 1 Cor. 15:10- By the grace of God, I am what I am...
- Remember the "COAT" illustration
- Do an Honest Self-Appraisal



- Rom 12:3 – not think of yourself...

## **E. GRASP THE POWER OF BEING WHO GOD MADE YOU**

Ps 139:13-17 –

- You are God's Creation
- Who he said you are, is who you are

### **MONITORING your PERSONAL WORTH**

#### **1. God made you for a reason– fulfill it!**

- God has an amazing plan for my life! Jer. 29:11

#### **2. God Doesn't Make Junk – You are Uniquely YOU!**

#### **3. Base your Worth on God's View of You.**

- Improve what you can
- Accept your growing self
- Your internal security needs to be based on your eternal security.

#### **4. Don't wait to Make a Difference.**

- Reach out to care for others

#### **5. Do Your Best for the Right Reasons.**

- Quit comparing
- Quit trying to impress
- I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me
- We are more than conquerors through Him...