

YOU ARE A PERSON OF VALUE

Seven Things God Wants You to Know
Pastor's Study Series

Scripture: Matthew 6:26 NIV

Introduction

One of the greatest obstacles to our being used by God in some form of Christian ministry is our inability to believe that there is any value in our abilities, personality, and background. But in reality, you are a valuable commodity.

I. God has invested heavily in you

1 Peter 1:18a, 19 NIV For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed ... but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

- A. God considered you so valuable that He sent Jesus to redeem you
- B. He lovingly designed everything about you
 1. Your parents
 2. Your family
 3. Your appearance
 4. Your order of birth in your family
 5. Your race
 6. Your nationality
 7. Your gender
- C. He designed you for a specific purpose

II. Others have invested heavily in you

Philemon 1:19 NIV I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand. I will pay it back -- not to mention that you owe me your very self.

- A. Someone brought you the gospel
- B. Others have given you their time to help shape your life

III. You have invested heavily in yourself

Ephesians 5:29 NIV After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church....

- A. Your education

- B. Your vocation
- C. Your special abilities and talents
- D. TAKE INVENTORY. YOU WILL FIND YOU ARE A PERSON OF VALUE

IV. Dedicate yourself to benefit the kingdom of God

Romans 12:1-2 NIV Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God -- which is your spiritual worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is -- his good, pleasing, and perfect will.

- A. Take those valuable qualities and dedicate them to God
- B. Let God take the negative qualities and make them positive qualities

Psalms 37:4 NIV Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.