

Best Value

# Fickle people change views of values

- Finances. Mt.27:9
- Friendship. 1 Sm.26:...24

# What does God really value in us?

- Die as martyrs?
- Sell everything, give it away?
- Neglect bodies?

# I. God's Values May Not Match Ours

# 1. Eloquence?

Moses, Ex.4:...10.

God did not choose an orator...

Paul, 1 Co.1; 2:1-4. 2 Co.10.

Yet God chose Paul for Gentiles??

1. Eloquence?

2. Everything we want?

Mark 12:41-44, widow

Mt.27:....9, value of Jesus

Ja.2:5, God's choice

1. Eloquence?
2. Everything we want?
3. Education?

- Jn.7:15, And the Jews marveled, saying, “How does this Man know letters, having never studied?”
- Ac.4:13, Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus.

1. Eloquence?

2. Everything we want?

3. Education?

4. Experience, wisdom?

- Ac.8:26, Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, “Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is desert.
- 1 Tim.4:12, Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.



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3. Education?
4. Experience, wisdom?

## 5. Emphasis?

- 1 Pt.3<sup>3</sup> Do not let your adornment be merely outward—arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel—<sup>4</sup> rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.
- Is.53:1-2

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3. Education?
4. Experience, wisdom?
5. Emphasis?
6. **Ethics?**

- 1 Pt.1:15-17, but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, “Be holy, for I am holy.” And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one’s work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear.

I. God's Values May Not Match Ours

II. What Does God  
Call True Value?

# 1. Concern for truth

- Mt.14:3-12

John: truth, not consequences,  
governed his actions

1. Concern for of truth

2. **Courage that leaves no doubt who / what we are**

- Ac.4:13, Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus.
- Ro.12:1-2

Transformed or Conformed  
lives?

1. Concern for truth
2. Courage that leaves no doubt who/what we are
3. **Consciousness of our debt to all**

- Ro.1:14-16

- Lk.10

Most spiritual victims feel  
no need...

1. Concern for truth

2. Courage that leaves no doubt who/what we are

3. Consciousness of our debt to all

4. **Confidence in God that embraces self-denial**

- Hb.11 <sup>24</sup> By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, <sup>25</sup> choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, <sup>26</sup> esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward.

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- Hb.11:24-26
- Moses (faith) chose...

Self-denial over relation to Pharaoh

Unfairness over rule of Egypt

Reproach over riches of Egypt



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- Moses chose...
- Paul chose... 1 Co.4:8-13. Ac.20:24
- Widow chose... 1 K.17:12-15

Foreigner

Son

Widow

Little food

**Shame on Israel**