



**REALIZING HOW VALUABLE
YOU TRULY ARE!**

I. Introduction:

A. (Slide #2) How Are You Feeling About Yourself?

1. Insignificant?
 - a. Small?
 - b. Go outside, look up during the day, especially do it at night and see the moon and stars; think about how vast it is; it can make you feel very small and insignificant.
2. **(Slide #3)** Beating yourself up because of personal sin?
 - a. It will make you feel horrible.
 - b. Ps. 51:3 "For I acknowledge my transgressions, And my sin *is* always before me."
 - c. Ps. 51:5 "Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me."
 - d. Feel forsaken?
3. **(Slide #4)** In the humdrum of life -- just going through your day-to-day activities and routines and feeling really inconsequential and worthless.
4. Trying to turn your life around but wondering if you can do it, if you can be successful, or if you are just doomed to failure.

B. It Is Critical To Get A Proper Understanding Of Yourself To Realize How Valuable You Truly Are!

I. (Slide #5) Creation Highlights Man's Value!

A. For Six Days This Universe Was Created!

1. Day 1 -- Light (Thus, day and night)
2. Day 2 -- The expanse, the "heavens" or sky
3. Day 3 -- Dry Ground & seas; vegetation, plants, and trees covered the dry ground

4. Day 4 -- Sun and moon were placed in the expanse; they separated day from night; they gave light during the day and night; they controlled the days, seasons, and years.
 5. Day 5 -- The skies was filled with birds; the seas were filled with fish and sea creatures
 6. Day 6 -- cattle and beast filled the dry ground on Earth
- B. After The First Five Days, This Statement Is Made, “And God Saw That *It Was Good*.”
- C. The Ultimate And Crowning Part Of Creation -- MANKIND!
1. The plan of the Godhead: “Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’” Gen. 1:26
 2. Adam was created: “And the LORD God formed man *of* the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.” Gen. 2:7
 3. Adam was among all of the animals; however, “for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him.” Gen. 2:20
 4. God’s concern: “And the LORD God said, ‘*It is* not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.’” Gen. 2:18
 5. The God acted: “the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. ²²Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. ²³And Adam said: ‘This *is* now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man.’” Gen. 2:21-23
 6. God’s purpose for mankind: “So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. ²⁸Then God blessed them, and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.’ ²⁹And God said, ‘See, I have given you every herb *that* yields seed which *is* on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food. ³⁰Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which *there is* life, *I have given* every green herb for food”; and it was so.” Gen. 1:27-30

7. Only then did God proclaim that the Creation was completed; only then did God affirm that the Creation was AWESOME! “Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed *it was* VERY GOOD.”

II. (Slide #6) God’s Declaration Of Man’s Value!

- A. Ps. 8:3-6 “When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained, ⁴What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him? ⁵For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor. ⁶You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all *things* under his feet,”
- B. The Universe Is SO Vast We Can Feel SO SMALL!
 1. (Slide #7) Moon & stars
 2. (Slide #8) Sun
- C. (Slide #9) The Phenomenal Message Of This Passage: “When You Say, ‘How Could God Care About Me?’ Realize This, “He Has Made You Just A Little Lower Than The Divine Beings Themselves!!!”
 1. The word “angels” in the Hebrew is the word “Elohim,” the same word in Gen. 1:1 “God” meaning “THE DIVINE ONES!”
 2. Man is just a little lower than the Divine Beings -- God, the Father; God, the Son; and God, the Holy Spirit.
 3. You are a spirit being made in Their image!
 4. You are UNIQUE among everything that has been created!!!!
 5. You are super important and valuable to God!

III. (Slide #10) Your Life Is Valuable; You And Your Eternal Destiny Are EXTREMELY Valuable!

- A. Text: Mt. 16:26 “For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?”
 1. Most preachers preach this passage with the focus of our eternal destiny.
 2. However, “soul” generally refers to the fact that we are “alive” or “a living being.” See Gen. 2:7 “man became a living being.”

- B. “Spirit” -- The Real You!
 - 1. The part of you made in the image of God! Gen. 1:26,27
 - 2. **(Slide #11)** Chart 1 from my lessons: *Evangelism Made Simple -- You CAN DO It!* and *The Gospel Made Simple -- You CAN KNOW It!*
- C. You Must Value Your Life, Protect It And Preserve It; Life Here Determines Eternal Destiny!

IV. (Slide #12) Great Lessons Learned From Realizing How Valuable You Are!

- A. **(Slide #13)** See Your Value As God Sees Your Value!
- B. (►) Do Not Be A Prodigal Who Wastes His Life!
- C. (►) Do Not Put All Your Focus On Amassing Things, You Will Die And Leave It All!!!
- D. **(Slide #14)** It Is VANITY To Put Anything As Of More Importance Than Our Life!
 - 1. An addiction
 - 2. Being a dare-devil -- think before you leap!
 - 3. Wanting to take your life
- E. (►) It Is The ULTIMATE VANITY To Put Anything As Of More Importance That Our Eternal Destiny And Home!
- F. **(Slide #15)** You May Have Lived A Life That You Are Embarrassed About; You CAN Change; You May Be A “Diamond In The Rough!”
 - 1. **(Slide #16)** There may be SO MUCH good inside of you.
 - 2. There may be SO MUCH potential in you.
- G. **(Slide #17)** To Spark Your Value, Seek Genuine Faith In Jesus!

- H. (►) Jesus Is The “Living Water For A Thirsty Soul!”
1. NOTHING ELSE and NO ONE ELSE is comparable!
 2. (Slide #18) You will be amazed what He can do for you!
 3. Hymn: “It Is No Secret What God Can Do!”
 - a. He can take fishermen and make them Apostles.
 - b. He can take a dishonest tax collector and make him an Apostle.
 - c. He can turn a terrorist against Himself, the Church, and Christians into an Apostle.
 - d. He can take a “nobody” and make him a “somebody!”
 - e. He can take a “prodigal” and make him productive instead of wasteful.
 - f. He can take an addict and free him from his addiction and give him a true purpose for life!
 - g. He can take a man who said, “I can’t speak” and make him a great leader of Israel.
 - h. He can take an immoral fornicator and make him a destroyer of the Philistines.
 - i. He can take a fearful young man and make him a valuable person in the ministry later in life!
- H. (Slide #19) The Ripple Effect Is Real!
1. (Slide #20) Your life can impact others for good.
 2. Your life can impact others by guiding them into an ungodly downward spiraling life.
 3. You cannot imagine the impact of your life if you live it for God!
- I. (Slide #21) We are Immortal; Life Here REALLY MATTERS!
- J. (►) The Eternal Destinies Should MOTIVATE Us To Want The BEST For Us!
1. We are TOO VALUABLE to waste our life, be unconcerned and unprepared and to be cast into eternal Hell!
 - a. Lk. 9:23-26 “Then He said to *them* all, ‘If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. ²⁴For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. ²⁵For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost? ²⁶For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in His *own* glory, and in *His* Father's, and of the holy angels.’”
 - b. If you care about yourself, you would NEVER wish this for you or for anyone else!

- c. **(Slide #22)** You are too valuable to be cast into eternal hell!
- 2. The reward of being with God in Heaven should be SUCH A MOTIVATOR!
 - a. “Well done!” Mt. 25:21,23
 - b. “Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.” Rev. 2:10
 - c. The reward should motivate us!

(Slide #22) Conclusion:

A. Remember How Valuable You Are!

B. You Are A Treasure!

C. Live Like It!