



**Value defined:** The worth, importance, or usefulness of something. The verb is defined as: to rate something according to its perceived worth, importance, or usefulness.

**Priority defined:** 1. The state of having most importance or urgency, 2. Somebody or something that is ranked highly in terms of importance or urgency, 3. The state of having preceded something else.

## What Do You Treasure/Value?

Jesus said, *"Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."* (Matt. 6:21)

What is your treasure? What do you treasure over other things?

## What Are Values?



## Value Determines Priority

What we call "values" drives our attitudes and actions.

We all have "values" and our values should be shaped by Christ and God's kingdom



**Value** = What is Important?

**Priority** = What is 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.

**Matthew 6: 33**

*But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these **things shall be added to you.***

“Things” are not just stuff to possess. The most important things are: Peace of heart and mind, Loving God, loving people (in deed and truth).

### Testing What We Value and Prioritize

1. We follow what we value and we do first what is our highest priority.
2. We go in the direction of what we value and we start the journey based on our priority.
3. We make our choices based on the value we place on things and people.
4. We rank things and people according to our priority.
5. We are driven by the value (importance and usefulness) of things natural and spiritual.
6. Our level of focus is based on the priority we place on things natural and spiritual.

### Finders Keepers

**Matthew 13:44**

*Again, The kingdom of heaven is like **something precious buried in a field**, which a man found and hid again; then in his joy he goes and sells all he has and buys that field.*

## Value of Learning and Discovery

One great lesson of the parable is the **joy of the discovery** that caused the man to be willing to give up everything to make the treasure, and the expectation of discovery his own.

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## Don't Be Another "Hedonist"

**Hedonism** refers to a family of theories, all of which have in common that **pleasure plays a central role in them**. Psychological or motivational hedonism claims that human behavior is determined by desires to increase pleasure and to decrease pain.

This is contrary to the principle of following Christ and God's kingdom. *"Seek first the Kingdom and His righteousness."*

Pleasure and gratification are not the main thing. In fact, denying yourself and embracing pain is part of the purpose.

In God's plan, **all things are added**

## Right Place at the Right Time

### Matthew 13:44

*Again, The kingdom of heaven is like **something precious buried in a field**, which a man found [stumbled upon it]...*

There is truth in being **"at the right place at the right time."**

When you **value** walking with the Lord, and **value** walking in His ways, you "stumble upon" many precious things.

It is God working with your diligence and working on your behalf.

## Romans 8:2 (NIV)

*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.*



## The Most Valuable Thing: YOU

*"So God created man in His own image; in the image of God [Imago Dei] He created him; male and female He created them" (Genesis 1:27)*

*"Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you" (Jeremiah 31:3)*

*"Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold...but with the precious blood of Christ" (1 Peter 1:18, 19).*

Learning to **Navigate** through **Christ**, the **Word of God**, and **Objective Truth** is the way to live a victorious life!