

Messenger of Truth

"Holding forth the Word of Life" (Phil. 2:16)

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Valuable

"A good reputation is more valuable than money." – Publilius Syrus

"Time is the most valuable thing a man can spend." – Theophrastus

"Good health is not something we can buy. However, it can be an extremely valuable savings account." – Anne Wilson Schaef

"You don't have to be a brain surgeon to be a valuable person. You become valuable because of the knowledge that you have. And that doesn't mean you won't fail sometimes. The important thing is to keep trying." – Benjamin Carson

"A human being is so irreplaceable. So valuable and so unique." – Goran Persson

Just what do you consider to be valuable? Much of the world no doubt would say money, power, and fame, while others would say good health, beauty, youth, etc.; and yet others would say family.

What did Jesus say about what is valuable? "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?" (Matt. 16:26).

Obviously, the things of this world are not as valuable as one might think. "Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth" (Col. 3:2). The true value is found in that which transcends this world. The spiritual is therefore of greater value than the physical.

There is a great tragedy in this as even Christians find themselves caught up in the things of this world. They forget, "This world is not my home, I'm just a passin' thru. My treasures are laid up, somewhere beyond the blue; The angels beckon me from heaven's open door, and I can't feel at home in this world anymore." (Song: *This World Is Not My Home*)

These verses give an interesting perspective on what is valuable. "A little that a righteous man has is better than the riches of many wicked" (Psa. 37:16). "For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness" (Psa. 84:10). "For wisdom is better than rubies, and all the things one may desire cannot be compared with her" (Prov. 8:11). Again speaking of wisdom, "My fruit is better than gold, yes, than fine gold, and my revenue than choice silver" (Prov. 8:19).

Now we return to the original question, "Just what do you consider to be valuable?" The most valuable thing, without question, is as our Lord noted, Souls! Until my brethren realize that, the church will not grow as it should.