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To Value...or not to value; that is the question From God's Perspective

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Daniel 3:1-18 (New Living Translation, NLT)

1 King Nebuchadnezzar made a gold statue ninety feet tall and nine feet wide and set it up on the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon. 2 Then he sent messages to the high officers, officials, governors, advisers, treasurers, judges, magistrates, and all the provincial officials to come to the dedication of the statue he had set up. 3 So all these officials came and stood before the statue King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. 4 Then a herald shouted out, "People of all races and nations and languages, listen to the king's command! 5 When you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipes, and other musical instruments, bow to the ground to worship King Nebuchadnezzar's gold statue. 6 Anyone who refuses to obey will immediately be thrown into a blazing furnace." 7 So at the sound of the musical instruments, all the people, whatever their race or nation or language, bowed to the ground and worshiped the gold statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. 8 But some of the astrologers went to the king and informed on the Jews. 9 They said to King Nebuchadnezzar, "Long live the king! 10 You issued a decree requiring all the people to bow down and worship the gold statue when they hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipes, and other musical instruments. 11 That decree also states that those who refuse to obey must be thrown into a blazing furnace. 12 But there are some Jews—Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego—whom you have put in charge of the province of Babylon. They pay no attention to you, Your Majesty. They refuse to serve your gods and do not worship the gold statue you have set up." 13 Then Nebuchadnezzar flew into a rage and ordered that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought before him. When they were brought in, 14 Nebuchadnezzar said to them, "Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you refuse to serve my gods or to worship the gold statue I have set up? 15 I will give you one more chance to bow down and worship the statue I have made when you hear the sound of the musical instruments. But if you refuse, you will be thrown immediately into the blazing furnace. And then what god will be able to rescue you from my power?" 16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego replied, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you. 17 If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God whom we serve is able to save us. He will rescue us from your power, Your Majesty. 18 But even if he doesn't, we want to

make it clear to you, Your Majesty, that we will never serve your gods or worship the gold statue you have set up.”

To often we trade in our long-term stability for short-term satisfaction with our personal development, finances, with our food choices, with our relationships, with our time, leaving us empty, broke, sick, depressed and alone. The power and ability to focus on our Values causes us to dismiss short term pulls on our flesh for satisfaction and believe for long-term building of a stable foundation.

To Value...or not to value; that is the question.

- **Values are built through saturation and acceptance of God's Word.**
- **Values create a home base for thoughts and actions...a true north.**
- **Values are a filter to help sift through thoughts and actions that are not acceptable by God.**

Proverbs 11:3 (Contemporary English Version, CEV)

If you do the right thing, honesty will be your guide. But if you are crooked, you will be trapped by your own dishonesty.

Why do so many live outside of God's Value System?

- **There are many reasons why people live without Godly Values, morals, ethics, honor, integrity, standards: lack of knowledge, abuse (mental and/or physical), harden heart, demonic spirit...**
- **However, three main reasons are: No Vision, No Mission, and No Set Values.**

Proverbs 29:18 (The Message, MSG)

If people can't see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves; But when they attend to what he reveals, they are most blessed.

Proverbs 29:18 (Easy-to-Read Version, ERV)

If a nation is not guided by God, the people will lose self-control, but the nation that obeys God's law will be happy.

What is getting in the way of what you value?

- **“Our policies got in the way of our Values.” - Oscar Munoz, United Airlines CEO**
- **It can cost you:**
 - **Money**
 - **Peace**
 - **Time**

- **Relationships**

How would living by Godly values benefit me?

Matthew 19:27 (Living Bible, TLB)

Then Peter said to him, "We left everything to follow you. **What will we get out of it?**"