



Restoring Things In 2018 Series

Value

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- In our society, many seek their identity in things of the world. *1John 2:15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.*
- Without proper upbringing or a good set of values, people begin to search for their purpose in things that are harmful to others. *1John 2:11 But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes.*
- Our value and worth should come from the giving of ourselves, not taking from others. When we jeopardize the values of others to get value, we become stumblingblocks. *Rom. 14:13 Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way.*



Fame

- **A true believer gets their value from what God ordained for them. God is our creator, so only He can give us authentic value and worth. *Psa. 139:14 I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.***
- **When we are born again, we are restored back to the place we were created for. The new creation is really a restoration of God's original plan and laying down our plan. *1Pet. 1:23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.***
- **Worldliness and carnal desires must be replaced with righteousness and Godly desires. Then our value and esteem will come from our creation purpose and not circumstantial dispositions. *1John 3:7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.***



- **Self-worth issues will always try to pull us back into feeling worthless or void of purpose. These feelings are propagated by worldly themes and ideologies. *1John 2:16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.***
- **We must be careful what we put into ourselves because if we fill our being with too much carnality, we will doubt our Godly value. *Rom. 8:6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.***
- **In order to truly overcome low esteem issues, we must fill our hearts and minds with what God says about us. The more God we surround ourselves with, the stronger we will become. *Rom. 8:5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.***



SUMMARY

Our present day recreational engagements, entertainment, etc. are largely dominated by a worldly agenda that seeks to decimate our self-worth. The world promotes things to make us feel lower, less than, or inferior to others. Celebrities, artists, athletes, and even politicians are constantly paraded before us to make us feel like our simple lives are inadequate and that we are missing out on something. Popular TV shows and social media outlets are wired to show you what you do not have, what others have, and how they should be lifted up because of what they have. This propaganda is the enemy's weapon against our esteem to make us discontent!

When we fail to balance our entertainment and social media time with God's righteousness and learning of Him, our yoke becomes too hard and our burdens become heavy. We then begin to doubt the love of God or His true purpose for us. This mindset causes us to long for things that bring temporary satisfaction but inadvertently harm others. But God's plan for us blesses us as well as others. We must fill our hearts and minds with God's righteousness and His purpose for us. We must be careful what we continuously put in our hearts and who we are spending time with. These influences can deposit low self-worth and value into us, so we must ensure that our value is coming from the Creator and not the creation.

Matt. 11:27 All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.

Matt. 11:28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matt. 11:29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Matt. 11:30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.