

# Value of One Person

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## I. Introduction.

A. The Bible is honest - some of the disciples doubted after the resurrection. (Matthew 28)

B. All authority was given to Jesus.

1. This is a lot of authority.

2. Satan said all power was given to him and Jesus came to destroy all false claimants. (Luke 4)

C. In light of this authority, Jesus said to go and make disciples.

1. One is to make disciples as he is going.

2. We are not to brush by people in our own environment to get somewhere else.

3. What it takes to be an effective and active witness.

a. Our relationship with Jesus through daily quiet time.

b. Understanding the importance of every individual.

D. The need.

1. People feel worthless today.

2. There are times when we all feel worthless and useless.

## II. Every individual is important to someone.

A. Every person is important to God because everyone is a creature created in the image of God. (Genesis 1:27)

1. This includes personality, the power of abstract thought, moral faculty, a spiritual nature and some authority delegated to do certain work. (Genesis 1:26)

2. These powers go on forever.

3. It is false humility to say we are not important.

4. We ought not to think too highly or too lowly of ourselves.

B. We are important by virtue of what we cost.

1. Our redemption was purchased by the best that heaven has - the Son of God.

2. A person may be wicked and lazy but not worthless.

C. We are important to God by virtue of the channel of blessing that comes from the Holy Spirit. (John 1:42)

1. God is in the business of transforming lives including us.

2. This also includes the person that would naturally repulse us.

3. No failure need be final.

D. Everybody is important to someone besides God.

E. Everyone is important by virtue of having a gift. Each person has a gift. (1 Peter 4:10)

III. The importance of the individual affects how we should treat others.

A. Even every child is important enough to not be brushed off.

B. We should be more concerned that someone gets the gospel than whether it is us that delivers it - we have to get our eyes on people.

C. We ought to always think what is positive and good about people. (Philippians 4:8)

1. We all have an immense need that someone believe in us.

2. We need to see the worth of an individual enough to pick one out of the crowd.

3. Believing in the importance of every individual will make one's ministry effective as he goes.

D. We need to give our lives for people. Trust in the Lord and do good. (1 Corinthians 12:19)

### **Application questions**

1. Which reason for the importance of every individual stands out to you? Explain.

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2. What are the consequences of a true belief in the value of every individual?

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3. What individuals come to your mind who you have tended to neglect? What can you do differently?

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