

Worth of the Individual

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I. The significance of every individual.

A. In today's society man is being trivialized and forced into an impersonal world.

B. There is something in us that longs for significance.

1. When significance is stifled, there is an increased pressure to revolt.

II. An individual has significance because of what he is worth.

A. Every person is worth something to God.

1. He has worth on the basis of creation. (Genesis 1:26-27)

a) Created in the image and likeness of God.

b) Worth more than all the creatures on the earth combined. (Luke 12:7)

2. He has worth on the basis of redemption.

3. He has worth on the basis of sanctification.

a) Man is made to glorify God.

b) God pursues man to fulfill His purpose. (Ephesians 4:24; 2 Corinthians 3:18; 2 Peter 1:4; 1 John 3:2)

III. An Individual is significant because of his possibilities as a channel of divine blessing.

A. Every person is worth something to God by what he can become as a channel.

1. God intended that man should be a channel of blessing. (Genesis 1:27-28)

2. Because God wants to use men and women He goes to great lengths to purify them.

3. Every individual can be a channel of God's blessing.

IV. Application:

A. How much of a grip does this concept have on you?

B. Does my attitude toward individuals restrict and limit them?

C. Do I believe this enough to trust God for people?

D. Do you and I put confidence in people or do I have an in-built suspicion of everybody?

E. Is my vision of the worth and possibilities of an individual such that I do or do not give up to soon?

F. Is my vision of the worth and possibilities of an individual such that I go deep enough or am I shallow do I deal only with externals?

V. How can you make this concept become more than a belief? How can it become a conviction?

A. Prayer - Ask God to put earnest care for others into our hearts. (2 Corinthians 8:16)

B. Consider ourselves – Think of what your heart needs then share those with others.

C. Serving people – Help others. Love is a personal sharing in the destiny of another.