

RENEW MIND- "KNOWING WHAT MATTERS MOST"

"If the ax is dull and its edge unsharpened, more strength is needed but skill will bring success." – Ecclesiastes 10:10 (NIV)

"Everything is permissible but not everything is beneficial." – 1 Corinthians 6:12 (LB)

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Your values in life determine your stress, determine your success, and determine your salvation.

Four Questions –

1. _____ ?

Three Sources of Values:

I. _____.

"The human mind is the most deceitful of all things! It is incurable. No one can understand how deceitful it really is!" – Jeremiah 17:9 (GW)

_____ – misled in the wrong direction.

"There is a way that SEEMS right to humans, but in the end it leads to death." – Proverbs 16:25

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding." – Proverbs 3:5 NIV

II. _____.

"Don't love what the world offers and values; Those who love the world don't have the Father's love in them. For what the world values – physical gratification, greed, and prideful self-centered lifestyles – does not come from God our Father." – 1 John 2:15-16

The first thing the world values is - _____.

The second thing the world values is - _____.

The third thing the world values is - _____.

III. _____.

“If you continue in my Word... you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.” – John 8:31-32 (NIV)

2. _____?

“The world and its desires will pass away, but those who do the will of God will live forever.” – 1 John 2:17

“We focus our attention not on what we can see around us, but on what we cannot see with our eyes. For everything that we see is temporary and will only last a short time but what is unseen is eternal and will last forever.” – 2 Corinthians 4:18 (NIV)

3. _____?

#1 cause of stress in America – incongruent values or incongruent lifestyle: not living what we say we believe.

Four areas in our life for possible change:

I. _____.

“Turn my eyes away from worthless things.” – Psalm 119:37

II. _____.

“Do not be misled: Bad company corrupts good character.” – 1 Corinthians 15:33

“Do not follow the crowd in doing wrong.” – Exodus 23:2

III. _____.

“Don’t store up treasures here on earth where they may erode away or may be stolen. Store them in heaven where they will never lose their value!” – Matthew 6:19-20

IV. _____.

“No servant is greater than their master.” – John 15:20

“If you want to be great in the kingdom of God then you’re going to have to become a servant of all.” – Mark 10:43

“The first shall be last. And the last will be first.” – Matthew 20:16

“So from now on, we regard no one from a worldly point of view.” – 2 Corinthians 5:16 (NIV)

4. _____?

“If all we have is here on earth we Christians are most miserable of all.” – 1 Corinthians 15:19

“What profit is there if you gain the whole world – and lose eternal life? What can be compared with the value of eternal life.” – Matthew 16:26 (LB)

“What kind of deal is it to get everything you want but lose yourself? What could you ever trade your soul for?” – Matthew 16:26 (Message)

Jesus said, “The things that are considered of great value by people are worth nothing in God’s sight.” – Luke 16:15 (LB)

Jesus said, “Many people who seem to be important now will be the least important then.” – Mark 10:31

Every temptation is a choice between short term relief and long term reward.

“I once thought all these things were so very important, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done for me. Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the priceless gain of knowing Christ my Lord. I have discarded everything else, counting it as garbage, so that I may have Him!” – Philippians 3:7-8 (NLT)

Success – living by the values that God will reward someday.

“He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep for that which he cannot lose.” – Jim Elliot

Reflect: How will you apply this teaching? What really stood out to you in this message?
