

Value is Determined by Sacrifice

1 Peter 1:18-19 (AMP)

Heb. 10:29

Have you ever sold something that you got back less than what you thought it was valued for?

- You know why? Because what you sold was only worth what somebody is willing to pay for!
- So what I give up for something determines how I value that something.
- From the time of Lucifer's celestial fall from heaven, he has placed a low and insulting value on worship, serving as an arc angel and God's authority.
- So he seeks to create a devalued environment in your life, to where like Esau, you appraise Christian living at a low cost.
- Because how you see yourself and how you see God will determine how you love and sacrifice for Him while facing evil itself.

Read Romans 7:14

- Paul is saying the slave block of our sin nature along with our upbringing experiences has a selling price value for us, with the devil as the owner of who puts his lesser value on your life.
- But my value is determined by the Buyer and not the seller.
- Our identity and how we fight and live for God must continuously be based on the Buyer, Jesus Christ and not the devil.
- Our problem is we waffle and fluctuate our self-esteem and the way we feel about ourselves based on satan and relationship appraisals and not God's.
- We were offered \$250,000, 2 months ago, for our downtown property. We bought it for \$200,000 and put in \$150,000 in it over the last 15 years. So, we feel it's worth more than what was offered.
- It was appraised for \$250,000, that's the market cost! This is what satan does to you and me.
- He seeks to sell you and get you to live your life beneath the value of the Buyer's purchase price.
- But like Naboth, who wouldn't sell his vineyard to King Ahab, I told my realtor the property has more value to us than the appraisal or the buyer's offer. So, if you perceive your thoughts, will, and emotions on the devil's appraisal you will have relationship conflicts.
- There is a huge difference between an appraisal cost price and a replacement cost price. For what a man thinketh in his heart, so is he.
- So, looking back at what 1 Peter 1:18-19 is really saying, Jesus did not buy us for satan's appraisal fair market value. Your daily prayer life and your relational sacrifices really reveal if you believe this.
- Jesus is the Buyer and to redeem us in a replacement cost value was far higher than satan's appraisal value. That's why we call it – redemption. He is redeeming or buying back with overpayment you and me from satan's low appraisal value. Why am I preaching this tonight?
 - Because value is determined by how you sacrifice.
- Jesus put a price of value by His own flesh and blood.
- Jesus knew He'd never get back all He purchased for you. That's intrinsic value, that's higher than an appraisal.

The value of love is determined by 2 things:

1. Embracing the value Jesus put on my whole person and not satan's appraisal value.
2. By my sacrificing relationally towards others.

So, if I don't have the right value on myself, I live my life based on other people's appraisals.

- Demonization and oppression is a person giving themselves a lesser value. This causes satan to take claim over us at a reduced price.
- So, Peter 1:18-19, is saying go back and look at the Buyer's appraisal because it will dictate how you spend your time and how you sacrifice for love relationally.
- Because value determines sacrifice.
- It determines how you even get paid on a job.

1. Halle Berry earns \$30 a minute, \$18K an hour, because of what she is and how she sells her looks and talents.
2. Tiger Woods earns \$177 a minute for what he does, or \$189 million a year for playing golf.
3. Steven Spielberg earns \$635 a minute, by what he gets others to do. That's \$900 million a year.
4. Bill Gates earns \$6057 a minute or \$7 billion a year.

- So, when you buy that new iPhone for \$800-\$1000, you are trading your work hour life in exchange for that phone. You place a value on your purchases because the hours unspent earning that money to buy that phone represents your value and worth from your job.
- You are trading days of your life for a purchase of a certain product that you really want. When you spend money you are spending life. We trade money for our life, so be careful what you buy.
- People sacrifice for what they really love.
- Your life is a reflection of what you think and what you value.
- But, Heb. 10:29 says, when I reject the value of the Buyer Jesus Christ, I trample on His love.
- He bought me like an employer, for my time, talent, and affection.
- And when I receive His love and His blessings, His resources, at a replacement appraisal but don't pay for the services, I become an unconscionable robber.
- Because the value determines the sacrifice.
- Jesus looks for your sacrifice of praise and relational giving because of the value He has on you.
- Heb. 10:29 is what I call unconscionable robbery because His value of me provokes my sacrifice for.
- Because love gives and love sacrifices.
- Love says I would rather inconvenience myself or long suffer than to see the other party hurting.

1. Some people want a good marriage but want to do their own thing.
2. They want a great business but want a bunch of free time.
3. They want to acknowledge and be recognized but don't want to be committed to the rest of the team in leadership.
4. They want a title but you don't want to do the work.
5. They want to be honored but they don't want to be sacrificial.

6. Rom. 12:1-2 says don't take the check if you don't want to do the job.
7. What are you willing to give up in your attitude to get to the next level of your ministry or that family relationship?
8. Romans 12:1 is saying your value is determining your sacrifice. It's a living sacrifice that reflects my value.

Value determines your sacrifice.

Value determines sacrifice:

1. For how I voluntarily choose to fast
2. Bible studies
3. Discipleship/mentoring
4. Giving in special offerings and pledges
5. Faithful to your tithing
6. Sacrificing time with your family (serving them)
7. Giving of your time to ministry of the KCC wherever needed
8. Showing up for KCC classes
9. Making time for a daily prayer life
10. Making time for daily Word meditation
11. Faithfulness to church attendance
12. Increasing holiness living in your life

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