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The Fine Line of Self-Esteem

In today's world, it seems that one of the values held in highest regard is the "value" of self-esteem. Psychologists, teachers, counselors and even many preachers are emphasizing more and more that we'd all be better off if we simply had a healthy portion of self-esteem. In other words, we all ought to pat ourselves on the backs and think well of ourselves.

The trouble is, this kind of self-esteem is not a Biblical concept. When Jesus commanded in Matthew 22:39 that we should "Love our neighbors as we love ourselves," He wasn't commanding us to love ourselves. Rather, He was ASSUMING that we ALREADY love ourselves. What Jesus was commanding was that we should love our neighbors as much as we ALREADY love ourselves!

The fact is, the Bible warns us AGAINST thinking too highly of ourselves! Romans 12:3 says, "Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you."

Psalms 103:14 tells us that "God knows how we are formed, He remembers that we are dust." Not only that, but as Romans 3:23 says, "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

So where is self-esteem? Nowhere! And yet, we DO have value. We as people are not without worth. But the value we have is inseparably connected to God's work in our lives. It is HE who gives us our worth, and HE to whom we have worth! We encourage you to look up and study the Bible passages listed in this Family Study and consider how and why you value yourself. Is it because of you, or because of God?

What God Creates is Good

Consider where we all came from. The book of Genesis explains God's creation of the world and everything in it. Read these verses:

Genesis 1:26-31

God created us, gave us authority over the earth, and calls all of His creation "good".

Psalms 139:13

God creates each of us personally.

God calls all of His creation "good", and we are part of His creation. He thinks that we are valuable enough to care for the rest of His creation. Just remember that God calls His creation good because of who He is, and not because of how righteous we are. Romans 3:10 says, "There is no one righteous, not even one."

God is a Birdwatcher

Do you ever worry about the family of ants that lives in your pantry? How about the squirrels that run around in your trees? If one of them died or was hurting, would you know or care? Read the following passage:

Matthew 10:29-31

God cares about all of His creation. If He values millions of tiny creatures

enough to know each one individually, consider how much He values us. He created us with a greater size, greater intelligence, and a choice to love Him. God knows us better than we know ourselves. Do you know how many hairs are on your head? God DOES! We must be of great value to Him!

We Were Bought at a High Price

In economics, the real value of something is the price that someone is willing to pay for it. Paul tells us that Christians were "bought at a price" in 1 Corinthians 6:20. What price was paid for us? Consider these Scriptures:

Romans 5:7-8

Jesus paid the most for us at a time we were worth nothing.

Also See:

Titus 3:3-7

John 3:16

1 Peter 2:21-24

Romans 6:23

How much did it cost Christ to offer us salvation? After creating us, Jesus left the comfort of a throne in heaven. He left a place of perfection to spend 33 years in an evil world with sinners that hated Him. While on earth, Jesus served others. In the end, men hated Him so much that followers betrayed Him. He was charged falsely, He was ridiculed, He was beaten, and He was crucified.

Can you imagine paying a higher price for anyone or anything? He clearly loves and values us so much that He was willing to give all He could give to have an eternal relationship with us.

The Master's Touch

Just as a blank canvass is worthless until a master artist paints a picture on it, we have no value apart from the hand of God. By ourselves, we are little more than dust. In Ephesians 2, we are called objects of wrath until God touched us by His grace. What God DOES with the "dust" is what gives us our value. God gave us grace so that through our changed lives, we would understand the great treasure of His grace and love.

God didn't save us because we had value by our own merit. Think for a moment. Would you condemn your child to death in order to save the bee that just stung you? Is that bee of any real value on its own to you? No! Of course not, but because of God's great love for us, we "stinging bees" have been purchased by the precious blood of God's own Son.

Take a good look at Ephesians 2:1-10 and see what it says about our value outside of God. Then see the value God placed on us even though we didn't deserve it. Praise God! We have value not because of what we have done, but because of God's great love for us!

Romans 9:14-23

2 Corinthians 4:6-7

A Blank Canvas to a Masterpiece

We are only blank canvasses collecting dust until we allow God's touch on our lives. What we ALLOW God to do with us and through us makes us valuable—not only to God, but to the world around us! Make no mistake; God values you highly—enough to give His life for you! But if you want your life to have the MOST value, then allow God to work with you and through you, and see what value a life can really have! Let Him paint on your canvas and turn you into a great and priceless masterpiece!

Ephesians 5:1

Philippians 1:27

Philippians 3:7-14

2 Timothy 2:15