

Victory 31st Anniversary: Valuing Others
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Matthew 5:13-16 MSG

“Let me tell you why you are here. You’re here to be SALT-SEASONING that brings out the God-flavors of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? You’ve lost your usefulness and will end up in the garbage. Here’s another way to put it: You’re here to be LIGHT, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We’re going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don’t think I’m going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I’m putting you on a light stand. Now that I’ve put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you’ll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven.”

VALUE PEOPLE

Philippians 2:3-4 NIV

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility VALUE OTHERS above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

Matthew 7:12 MSG

“Here is a simple, rule-of-thumb guide for behavior: Ask yourself what you want people to do for you, then grab the initiative and do it for them. Add up God’s Law and Prophets and this is what you get.”

What Does Valuing People Look Like?

1. Value other people’s point-of-view.

1 Corinthians 9:19-23 MSG

Even though I am free of the demands and expectations of everyone, I have voluntarily become a servant to any and all in order to reach a wide range of people: religious, nonreligious, meticulous moralists,

loose-living immoralists, the defeated, the demoralized—whatever. I didn't take on their way of life. I kept my bearings in Christ—but I entered their world and tried to experience things from THEIR POINT OF VIEW. I've become just about every sort of servant there is in my attempts to lead those I meet into a GOD-SAVED LIFE. I did all this because of the Message. I didn't just want to talk about it; I wanted to be IN ON IT!

What Does Valuing People Look Like?

2. Value people by adding value to people.

Maslow's Five Needs:

1. PHYSIOLOGICAL NEEDS: food, water, shelter, clothing, health
2. SAFETY NEEDS: emotional wellbeing, health, financial security
3. LOVE AND BELONGING NEEDS: friendship, family
4. ESTEEM NEEDS: knowing you are valuable, knowing you matter
5. SELF-ACTUALIZATION: fulfilling your purpose

What Does Valuing People Look Like?

3. Value people by seeing them the way Jesus sees people.