

Volume 3 - Day 6: Consider Your Valuables

There are many things in life that are valuable to you. **Make a list** of everything you consider valuable. Then **create a second list of eternal things** (those which can go with you when you die). **STOP!** Make the list **now!**

You will likely notice that the primary difference between the lists is that the eternal valuables are relationships, things of the spirit. Everything else, health, wealth and physical pleasures will cease upon one's death. Notice also that only relationships cannot be stolen or corrupted by thieves and villains.

Think of it like your relatives and the affections you have for them even while they are hundreds or thousands of miles away. We may actually include people in our temporary list, but when they pass into eternity they then move to the eternal list. Notice also that most of the items in your temporal list are things we can physically handle. Notice that the eternal valuables can be on both lists!

The message of Jesus was all about including as many as possible in our list of valuable persons. The whole story of the Bible is relationship and how to attain it. Jesus said, "Store up treasures in heaven where they cannot be corrupted or stolen." Wholesome relationships are the only thing that can be stored for eternity. Yet, we often destroy the very thing we want most by being critical and negative toward those we hold dear.

The quest before us is to develop an even greater affection for God than for our most significant other on earth. It is only, ever the love of God in us that can be other-caring enough to create and maintain loving attitudes toward others. The best news is that God can be our greatest treasure in life and after death! If you will simply move God into the Top 10 of your Passion Hits List, He will do the rest!

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