

Get It Together – Pt. 05: What's IT Worth?

The Embassy Church - Small Group Notes – Sunday, November 17, 2019

Every day we make decisions based on how we value things, people and concepts. We pay special attention to whatever or whoever we think is worthy of our focus. When you value something, you will do anything to get it, because you know it's worth the cost, effort and sacrifice.

That's how you're wired. God made you that way! The question is: How will you utilize this in order to get IT?

Be blessed!

Pastor Léon van Weerden

When we give worth to something, we will usually pay what it costs in order to get it.

Scriptures – All Scriptures – New Living Translation

Hebrews 12:2

² We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne.

Luke 10:38-42

³⁸ As Jesus and the disciples continued on their way to Jerusalem, they came to a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹ Her sister, Mary, sat at the Lord's feet, listening to what he taught. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by the big dinner she was preparing. She came to Jesus and said, "Lord, doesn't it seem unfair to you that my sister just sits here while I do all the work? Tell her to come and help me."

⁴¹ But the Lord said to her, "My dear Martha, you are worried and upset over all these details! ⁴² There is only one thing worth being concerned about. Mary has discovered it, and it will not be taken away from her."

John 12:1-6

Six days before the Passover celebration began, Jesus arrived in Bethany, the home of Lazarus—the man he had raised from the dead. ² A dinner was prepared in Jesus' honor. Martha served, and Lazarus was among those who ate with him. ³ Then Mary took a twelve-ounce jar of expensive perfume made from essence of nard, and she anointed Jesus' feet with it, wiping his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance.

⁴ But Judas Iscariot, the disciple who would soon betray him, said, ⁵ "That perfume was worth a year's wages. It should have been sold and the money given to the poor."

⁶ Not that he cared for the poor—he was a thief, and since he was in charge of the disciples' money, he often stole some for himself.

Matthew 16:24-27

²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. ²⁵ If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it. ²⁶ And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul? ²⁷ For the Son of Man will come with his angels in the glory of his Father and will judge all people according to their deeds.

Acts 20:22-24

²² "And now I am bound by the Spirit to go to Jerusalem. I don't know what awaits me, ²³ except that the Holy Spirit tells me in city after city that jail and suffering lie ahead. ²⁴ But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God.

Who and what you ascribe worth to, reveals who and what you have decided as worthy of your worship.

Main Points:

1. Your Worth to Him...
2. His Worth to You...

God always loves us and we need to remember sometimes His love is firm.

Digging Deeper:

Revelation

- How does God ascribe worth?
- What does it mean to love God with all of our heart and lives?
- What is *worth* being concerned about? (Luke 10:38-42)

Interpretation

- What are we worth to God?
- What does it mean that Jesus “*endured the Cross with joy*”? (Hebrews 12:2)
- How did the spirit of distraction pull Martha off of her focus? (Luke 10:38-42)
- What is the difference between what we see in 2 Samuel 24 and 1 Chronicles 21?

Application

- What do you ascribe worth to in your life?
- What is God worth to you?
- What are you willing to *give* in order to get *it*?
- Have you discovered *it* in your life?

Are you working a system to discover it, or are you seeking Jesus to discover it?
