

FINDING OUR VALUES

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Daniel Resolved Not To Defile Himself

- **Daniel 1:8 (NIV) — 8** But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way.
- *Daniel Had A Mind that Was Made Up!*
- *Daniel and his friends established Godly Values that they would not forsake.*

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Daniel Was Delivered Because He Maintained His Integrity

- *His Values Never Compromised, Changed, Or Shifted*
- *He Trusted In God!*
- *We Must Do The Same*

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Values answer the question: “What’s really important to our church?”

- ***The church has core values: fundamental, deeply held, foundational beliefs and principles***
- ***A church’s values are core to “the what” and “the how” that the church does ministry.***

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Every positive example of a Biblical of man and woman of faith –was built on the circumstances they faced and the Biblical values that they held during that encounter.

- *They had deep seated values that brought them through whatever it was they faced.*
- **Jesus wanted to pass on Values: “Follow me”**
- *“Do what I’ve taught you to do”*
- *“Value what I have shown you to value.”*

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Values are what drives our church's behavior

- *They predict our future.*
- *Values are widely shared attitudes that influence people's behavior -- Guiding Principles That Establish What Matters Most*
- *Values that are modeled often will be passed down from one generation to another*

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Values reflect our personality -- our DNA

- *They give us boundaries and parameters*
- *They determine what we should be doing*
- *They give motivation*
- *They help us to realize what we want to be known for*
- *They show us our unchangeable essentials*

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Church Values Matter Because:

- *They help us to align with Biblical values*
- *They create unity*
- *They guide in decision-making*
- *Values help us to see right and wrong*
- *Trouble follows those who throw off Godly values*

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What Are Our Values?

- *The Bible Is True*
- *Lost People Matter To God*
- *Authenticity*
- *Servanthood & Service*
- *Relationships (Horizontal & Vertical)*
- *Excellence*

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What Are Our Values?

- *We value Biblical unity*
- *We value full devotion & 100% commitment*
- *We value Christ and want to be like Him*
- *We value the Holy Spirit --His fullness & His move*
- *We Love God and We Love People*
- *We value the Harvest (souls)*

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What Are Our Values?

- *We value Praise and worship*
- *We value ministry. We want to be an equipping Church*
- *We value prayer*
- *We value the preaching of the Word of God.*
- *We value ongoing discipleship*
- *We value balance*
- **WE VALUE JESUS ABOVE ALL --The Way, Truth and Life**

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What Do Our Values Lead Us To Conclude

- 1. Every person has the right to a presentation of the Gospel .*
- 2. Every person needs a Biblical moral compass to guide and protect him or her throughout life.*
- 3. Every believer has unique gifts to be discovered, developed, and used to strengthen the Church.*
- 4. Every believer has a purpose in advancing the global mission of Christ and the Church.*

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People are valued and are the focus of our ministry.

- *Christ values people above programs*
- *We serve Christ best when we meet the needs of people*
- *We can serve God by serving people*

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People make decisions on several shifting criteria regarding their values

- ***Cultural Ethics*** = based on popular opinion
- ***Situational Ethics*** = based on what seems good for the moment
- ***Emotional Ethics*** = based on their feelings
- ***Behavioral Ethics*** = based on their natural inclinations
- ***Godly Values*** = based on what God has made clear to us

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Godly values are values that we can live by

They remain constant and allow us to focus our lives

- *Moral purity*
- *The Word a priority*
- *Christ our identity*
- *The Lord our strength*
- *Faith – w/o it we cannot please God*

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May we as a church hold strong to our values

- *Unchanged by the times*
- *Unchanged by feelings or natural inclinations*
- *Unchanged because others see things differently*
- *None of that does not matters -- We are people of values*