

## Valuing What God Values

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And He said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.

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## **1. God Values the Heart.**

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### **Luke 16:13 (ESV)**

No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

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### **1 Chronicles 28:9 (ESV)**

And you, Solomon my son, know the God of your father and serve Him with a whole heart and with a willing mind, for the Lord searches all hearts and understands every plan and thought. If you seek Him, He will be found by you, but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever.

### **Proverbs 16:5 (ESV)**

Everyone who is arrogant in heart is an abomination to the Lord; be assured, he will not go unpunished.

**Proverbs 21:2 (ESV)**

Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, but the Lord weighs the heart.

**2. God Values His Kingdom.****Luke 16:16 (ESV)**

“The Law and the Prophets were until John; since then the good news of the kingdom of God is preached, and everyone forces his way into it.

**Matthew 4:17 (ESV)**

From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

**Mark 1:45 (ESV)**

But he went out and began to talk freely about it, and to spread the news, so that Jesus could no longer openly enter a town, but was out in desolate places, and people were coming to Him from every quarter.

**Matthew 6:33 (ESV)**

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

**3. God Values His Word.****Luke 16:17 (ESV)**

But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one dot of the Law to become void.

**Isaiah 40:8 (ESV)**

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

**4. God Values Marriage.****Luke 16:18 (ESV)**

“Everyone who divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery, and he who marries a woman divorced from her husband commits adultery.

**Genesis 2:23 (ESV)**

Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.”

**Genesis 2:24 (ESV)**

Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

**Matthew 19:6 (ESV)**

So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.”