

What Do We Really Value & Volunteering

Message #1 - Identifying the Problem: Volunteering

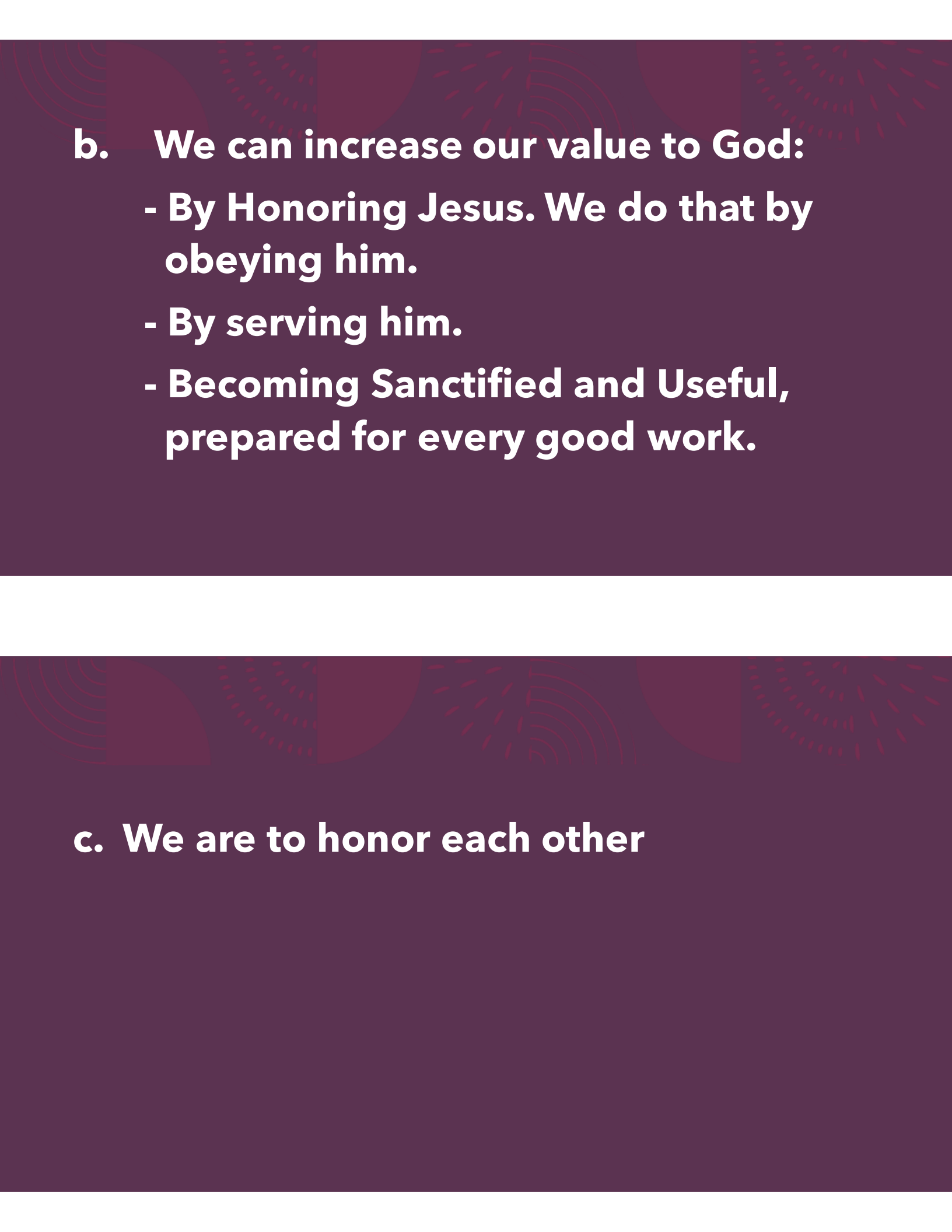
- My question (Volunteering problem....)
- What the Spirit said: ...Honor Problem
 - > Not just at W/L & TBO (Worldwide)
 - > It's a last days / anti-christ thing
- So, we talked some about Honor.

Message #2

- Defined 'Honor' - Placing value.....**
- The more we place value, the more honor**

Message #3 - Scriptures about Honor. (What we learned)


- a. God wants us to Honor him**
God wants to Honor us
> We determine the degree of both

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- b. We can increase our value to God:**
- **By Honoring Jesus. We do that by obeying him.**
 - **By serving him.**
 - **Becoming Sanctified and Useful, prepared for every good work.**

c. We are to honor each other



**d. Wisdom / Humility / Honor / and
Riches are tied together**



**The Spirit told me: The volunteering
problem at Word of Life & TBO / in the
kingdom is tied to people not honoring
God.**

A. Honor: "Placing a Value". (More honor = more Value)

B. In the second message we talked about what it's like when we place value on someone / something.

- We spend time on it / with them.**
- Maintain relationship. (includes listening to them)**
- We take care of it.**
- It has a high priority in our lives.**
- Place their / it's needs with, or above our own.**
- Defend it / them.**

- **Keep our word to them.**
- **We “revere” it / the person.**

(Webster: “to show devoted deferential honor to: regard as worthy of great honor”)

- **If it’s a person, we want to please them / nurture the relationship.**
- **We spend considerable money on it / them.**
- **We are troubled / frustrated when we can’t spend the time with it / them that we’d like.**

Ephesians 4:15-16 (NIV)

[15] Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. [16] From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Reward:

**(G3408 - Strong's) - Translated
'Reward' 24 times in the N.T.**

"apparently a primary word; pay for service (literally or figuratively), good or bad--hire, reward, wages."

**(G591 - Strong's) > Translated
'Reward' 6 times in N.T.**

"from 575 and 1325; to give away, i.e. up, over, back, etc. (in various applications):--deliver (again), give (again), (re-)pay(-ment be made), perform, recompense, render [transmit to another], requite [to make return for; repay], restore, reward, sell, yield."

**(G3406 - Strong's) > Translated
'Rewarder' 1 time in the N.T.**

**"from 3409 and 591; a renumerator:--
rewarder."**

> Renumerate: (Webster)

1: to pay an equivalent for

**2: to pay an equivalent to for a service,
loss, or expense: RECOMPENSE**

That's why scripture says rewards are not freely given like a gift, but we earn them by what we do (works).

a. Psalms 62:12 & Jeremiah 17:10

b. Matthew 10:41-42, Matthew 16:27, Mark 9:41, Luke 6:20-26, 35 (KJV), Romans 2:6-7, 10

1 Corinthians 3:8-15; 9:17, 2 Corinthians 5:10, Colossians 3:23-24, 1 Timothy 5:18 (KJV), Hebrews 10:32-36, Hebrews 11:6, 26, 2 John 8, Revelation 22:12

**The Principle: especially true in
Volunteering:**

**'We put effort / work into: what we Value
/ Honor'**

Time is a Commodity / Currency

Luke 21:37 (NIV)

**[37] Each day Jesus was teaching at the
temple, and each evening he went out to
spend the night on the hill called the
Mount of Olives,**

Acts 18:20-21 (NIV)

[20] When they asked him to spend more time with them, he declined. [21] But as he left, he promised, "I will come back if it is God's will." Then he set sail from Ephesus.

Acts 18:23 (NIV)

[23] After spending some time in Antioch, Paul set out from there and traveled from place to place throughout the region of Galatia and Phrygia, strengthening all the disciples.

Acts 20:16 (NIV)

[16] Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus to avoid spending time in the province of Asia, for he was in a hurry to reach Jerusalem, if possible, by the day of Pentecost.

Acts 28:14 (NIV)

[14] There we found some brothers who invited us to spend a week with them. And so, we came to Rome.

1 Corinthians 16:6-7 (NIV)

[6] Perhaps I will stay with you awhile, or even spend the winter, so that you can help me on my journey, wherever I go. [7] I do not want to see you now and make only a passing visit; I hope to spend some time with you, if the Lord permits.

We've all been given an equal amount of currency per week - to spend.

- 1. What we spend that currency on will cause our lives:**
 - a. To be Productive or Non-Productive for God.**
 - b. To be Useful, less Useful, or Useless for God.**

1. About 20% of what we do in life is Productive or Accomplishes something.

80% of what the average person does is Non- Productive or Accomplishes very little.

2. How the average person spends their "time currency":

They spend 80% of their time on the 80% of things that are Non-Productive. (In the end, their life will not have made much difference in society / culture)

They spend 20% of their time on the 20% of things that are Productive. (The things that will actually make a difference in society / culture)

3. Productive People:

Spend 80% of their time on the 20% of their life that is productive.

And they spend 20% of their time on the 80% of things that are Non-Productive.

How do we spend our time:

a. 168 Hours in a Week.

- 56 Hours Sleeping (8 Hours per day)

> Leaves 112 Hours.

b. 45 Hours Working a Week.

10 Hours Commuting.

- Total of 55 Hours.

> $112 - 55 = 57$ Hours.

c. 3 Meals per day @ an hour each meal.

- Total of 21 Hours.

> 57 - 21 = 36 Hours.

d. Church on Sunday > 3 Hours.

> 36 Hours - 3 = 33 Hours.

e. How do we spend that 33 Hours?

What do we do with that 33 Hours?

- That 33 hours is where volunteering needs to come out of.
- Most of that 33 hours is spent on what we Value / Honor.
(Discretionary time)

f. If you're retired:

- You now have to add the 40-50 hours per week...
- You're looking at 70-80 hours per week available.....
- What are you doing with it?

2 Timothy 2:19-21 (NKJV)

[19] Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: "The Lord knows those who are His," and, "Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity." [20] But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor.

[21] Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work.

1 John 2:15-17 (NKJV)

[15] Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. [16] For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. [17] And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

Principle:

“If it’s popular in the world, step back and look closely, it may not be of God”

So, what do we really Value?

**How Productive is: what we Value?
(What eternal thing is it accomplishing?)**

Do we need to Re-Evaluate our Values?

The work of the Church:

How much value do the unsaved have to us?

How much value do visitors have to us?

How much value is there in people growing in their spiritual life?

Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)

[18] Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. [19] Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

[20] and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."


Are we personally getting people saved, discipling them, baptizing them, and teaching them to obey?

- a. If we are not, then what happens here is vital to how useful we are to God.**
 - > Each person does their part, and we work together to accomplish the Great Commission.**


- b. Yes, for those of you raising children - they count....**



**If people's eternity has little value to us,
we will do very little about it**



**We won't be Honored by the Father.
Our life on earth will be of very little use
to him.**



Because we're not obeying Jesus, nor do we have God's heart / desires alive and active in us.



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Ephesians 4:16 (NIV)

[16] From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Without people doing their part, everything slows down because a few people have to pick up the slack for the rest who aren't being a support and the Kingdom doesn't move forward like it's supposed to.

**If people's eternity has no value to us,
(we don't give it any Honor) we won't do
anything to promote the things that will
Produce for Eternity.....**

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Hebrews 5:12-14 (NKJV)

**[12] For though by this time you ought to
be teachers, you need someone to teach
you again the first principles of the
oracles of God; and you have come to
need milk and not solid food.**

[13] For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. [14] But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

Why is a lack of Volunteering an End-time / Anti-Christ related thing?

A. To cause the church / Christian's to become the least Productive possible - when the most productivity is needed because the days are becoming more evil.

1. We're living in the days when 'Time' is supposed to be Redeemed - not just casually spent.

Ephesians 5:15-18 (NKJV)

**[15] See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise,
[16] redeeming the time, because the days are evil. [17] Therefore do not be unwise but understand what the will of the Lord is. [18] And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,**

2 Timothy 3:1-5 (AMP)

[1] BUT UNDERSTAND this, that in the last days will come (set in) perilous times of great stress and trouble [hard to deal with and hard to bear].

[2] For people will be lovers of self and [utterly] self-centered, lovers of money and aroused by an inordinate [greedy] desire for wealth, proud and arrogant and contemptuous boasters. They will be abusive (blasphemous, scoffing), disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy and profane.

[3] [They will be] without natural [human] affection (callous and inhuman), relentless (admitting of no truce or appeasement); [they will be] slanderers (false accusers, troublemakers), intemperate and loose in morals and conduct, uncontrolled and fierce, haters of good.

[4] [They will be] treacherous [betrayers], rash, [and] inflated with self-conceit. [They will be] lovers of sensual pleasures and vain amusements more than and rather than lovers of God.

[5] For [although] they hold a form of piety (true religion), they deny and reject and are strangers to the power of it [their conduct belies the genuineness of their profession]. Avoid [all] such people [turn away from them].

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1. v. 2 - It's all about me / what I want / my desires & plans



2. v. 4 - It's the "I deserve" mentality.

"Conceit" - Webster: noun
**con· ceit | \ kən- 'sēt **

Definition (Entry 1 of 2)

**1a. : favorable opinion especially
excessive appreciation of one's own
worth or virtue**