

KNOWING WHAT MATTERS MOST

8 Skills You Need To Succeed in Life & Work – Part 2

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Theme verse: "... Skill will bring success" Ecclesiastes 10:10 (NIV)

SKILL #2: Recognizing What's Important

My values affect *my stress, my success, & my salvation.*

4 QUESTIONS THAT WILL DETERMINE YOUR VALUES & YOUR DESTINY

1. Where do I get my values? 3 OPTIONS

• "The human mind is the most deceitful of all things! It is incurable. No one can understand how deceitful it really is!" Jeremiah 17:9 (GW)

• "Don't love what the world offers and values; Those who love the world don't have the Father's love in them. For what the world values – physical gratification, greed, and prideful, self-centered lifestyles – does not come from God our Father." 1 John 2:15-16

THE WORLD'S VALUES:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

• Jesus: "If you continue in my Word . . . you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free!" John 8:31-32

WHAT GOD SAYS ABOUT THE WORLD'S VALUES:

1. "The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

1 Samuel 16:7

2. "... The pleasures of sin only last for a **short time**."

Hebrews 11:25b

3. Jesus: "... Real life is not measured by how much we own."

Luke 12:15b (NLT)

2. "The world and its desires will pass away, but those who do the will of God will live forever." 1 John 2:17

"We focus our attention not on what we can see around us, but on what we cannot see with our eyes. For everything that we see is temporary and will only last a short time but what is unseen is **eternal and will last forever**."

2 Corinthians 4:18 (NIV)

3. Will I live what I claim to believe?

That may mean....

• "Turn my eyes away from worthless things . . ." Psalm 119:37a (NIV)

• "Do not follow the crowd in doing wrong . . ." Exodus 23:2a (NIV)

• "Don't store up treasures here on earth where they can erode away or may be stolen. Store them in heaven **where they will never lose their value!**" Matthew 6:19-20 (LB)

• "So from now on, we regard no one from a worldly point of view . . ." 2 Corinthians 5:16a (NIV)

"I can do everything God asks me to with the help of **Christ who gives me the strength and power**." Philippians 4:13 (LB)

4. "What profit is there if you gain the whole world — and lose eternal life? What can be compared with the value of eternal life?" Matthew 16:26 (LB)

Paul: "I once thought all these things were so very important, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done for me. Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the priceless gain of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I may have Him!"

Philippians 3:7-8 (NLT)