

A Fresh Start with God ~ *beginning again, moving forward*

Week 5 – *Am I unique??*

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Looking for value in all the wrong places...

1. Beauty

- ***Charm is deceptive, and beauty does not last.... Proverbs chapter 31 verse 30 (504)***
- ***The Lord doesn't see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart. 1 Samuel chapter 16 verse 7 (223)***

2. Status / 3. Wealth

Status = stat-us - "*keeping stats on us*"

- ***So we have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view.***
2 Corinthians chapter 5 verse 16 (884)

How can I discover my real value??

1. Realize (and keep reminding myself!) that I am a masterpiece!

We are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us.... Ephesians chapter 2 verse 10 (896)

2. Recognize that I was bought with something far more valuable than money!!

For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And the ransom he paid was not mere gold or silver. It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God. 1 Peter chapter 1 verses 18 & 19 (934)

3. I am designed to make a difference!! "If man can take molded bread and turn it into medicine, what can an awesome God make out of you?" -- Zig Ziglar

4. Reflect my God-given S.H.A.P.E.

Spiritual Gifts - ***A spiritual gift is given to each of us....1 Corinthians chapter 12 verse 7 (877)***

Heart

Abilities

Personality - *God, you formed me with your hands, you made me... Job chapter 10 verse 8 (395)*

Experiences - *You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many. Genesis chapter 50 verse 20 (43)*

Next week: In a world of 6 billion people, why do I feel so alone? Can this ever change?

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