

The Value of the Individual

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I. Introduction.

A. God wants us to view ourselves in a certain way.

B. Text: Genesis 1:26-17.

C. We are created in the moral and spiritual image of God—unique in all creation.

II. We get so busy in activities that we hide amidst the things God gives us.

III. We must be careful from whom we hear things. (Mark 4:34)

A. When we sin the Spirit comes in conviction and Satan comes to confuse.

B. Satan's accusation involves our unworthiness, it is harsh and it will be in an atmosphere of hopelessness.

C. God made us a new creation. (II Corinthians 5:17)

D. God is never threatened by an honest expression to Him. I John 1:9 covers all our sin.

E. We should not cling to any sin in the past that has been forgiven.

IV. We are to view ourselves fundamentally in our relationship to Jesus Christ. (Romans 1:1; Galatians 1:1)

V. We discern God's acceptance of us through His Word. (Romans 15:7)

A. We must accept ourselves.

B. Hostility and anger demonstrate a lack of acceptance with oneself.

C. God is continuing to work in us. (Philippians 1:6)

VI. We know God answers prayers by the promises He gives us.

A. For our life. (Galatians 5:22-23; Isaiah 32:2; Luke 9:23)

B. For our family. (Philippians 2:22; Isaiah 54:13; 49:25)

C. For our ministry. (I Samuel 10:26)

Application questions:

1. What is the difference between the work of the Spirit and Satan in the life of a believer after one commits a sin?

2. Why is it important to accept ourselves?

3. What role do the promises play in seeing God work through prayer? Explain.
