

ALL IN TO BUILD FOR OUR FUTURE

“The God of heaven Himself will prosper us: therefore we His servants will arise and build...So we built...for the people had a mind to work. A good person leaves an inheritance for their children’s children...” **Nehemiah 2:20; 4:6; Proverbs 13:22**
(NKJV)



This Week’s Thought – September 3, 2017

“So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer.” 2 Corinthians 5:16 (NIV)

People are the pinnacle of God’s creation. Because He highly regards His image bearers, He sent His son Jesus to earth as a love offering for their sin. Christ’s death on the cross emanated from His compassion. It delivers all who believe from condemnation. Furthermore, from the beginning the Lord gave human beings dominion over His creation. Management of the environment is under the canopy of mankind’s control. God’s gifts of salvation and supervision to people shows His incredibly high opinion of them. The Lord loves and respects His people.

Therefore, we have a choice. We either see people compassionately, as our heavenly Father's creation, or we view them cynically, as messy, needy people. An individual can be an object of our scorn or someone who needs our prayers. Everyone’s story needs to be shared with someone who cares. Do you contact someone just to check on them or because you need something from them? We value others when we value who they are. Their ideas and opinions should matter to us.

“Now this is our boast: Our conscience testifies that we have conducted ourselves in the world, and especially in our relations with you, with integrity and godly sincerity. We have done so, relying not on worldly wisdom but on God’s grace.” (2 Corinthians 1:12)

Do those closest to us feel valued or used? Do we listen to what others think more than we favor our own thoughts? A worldly point of view factors out faith in Jesus Christ and the wisdom of God. There is no regard for the work of the Spirit, only the work of what can be done in our own strength. But a spiritual point of view trusts our heavenly Father’s involvement behind the scenes.

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We value above all what He thinks and how He is leading our lives. Thus, we pause and pray. We listen for His loving affirmation and His gentle correction. What God says and expects matters most. We value His opinion of others over our own, so we view them as His creation in need of love.

“In humility value others above yourselves.” (Philippians 2:3)

Prayer of reflection you might pray this week: “Heavenly Father, the One who has commanded us to love one another without fail; purify my heart, mind and soul as I come before You in prayer. Let Your Holy Spirit empower me throughout this day, to be obedient to the truth at every moment, so that I might love my brothers and sisters earnestly, from a pure heart. Let me always remember that I have been born again, through the living and abiding Word of Your Son. Born again into a life of perfect love, obedience, and service. Remind me that when I am confused or do not know what to think or do, to think of Your Son, Jesus Christ, and ask myself, ‘What He would have done’. For I will follow Him confident in the eternal reward for those that do follow Him in sincere belief. This is my prayer in the matchless, wonderful and compassionate name of Jesus, Amen!”

“And then God answered: “Write this. Write what you see. Write it out in big block letters so that it can be read on the run. This vision-message is a witness pointing to what's coming. It aches for the coming—it can hardly wait! And it doesn't lie. If it seems slow in coming, wait. It's on its way. It will come right on time.” Habakkuk 2:2-3 (MSG)

Yours in Christ, Pastor King