

God's View of Things

God has important plans for you. In order to understand these plans we must first understand what is important to God.

While there are many things which are important to God, three things stand out in relation to vision:

God values the Eternal over the Temporal

What's the difference between something that is eternal vs. something that is temporal?

Discuss how John 12:24-25 and Matthew 18:8-9 put the eternal over the temporal.

In the Bible, three things are listed as being eternal

1. God - Psalms 90:2
2. The Word of God - Isaiah 40:8, Mark 13:31
3. People - 1 Thes. 4:16-17 (Christians) &
2 Thes. 1:7-10 (non-Christians)

What things do you do every week that are eternal in nature?



God values the Spiritual over the Material

Jesus told a story about a rich man in Luke 12:16-21.

Why did God call the rich man a fool?

How does God feel about **storing up** material "treasures" for ourselves?

Is it wrong for a Christian to have material treasures on earth?

According to Jesus in Matthew 6:19-21 where should we store up our treasures?

God values Availability over Ability

Notice in the following passages God's attitude toward the worldly - wise and gifted.

Matthew 11:25

1 Corinthians 1:18-21

1 Corinthians 1:26-29

God doesn't need men and women of great ability. All he needs are people with availability, people who are willing and able to do what He wants them do, say what He wants them to say, go where He wants them to go, and be what He wants them to be.

Think about some of the great men and women of the Bible and how little they had going for them and how mightily God used them.

Moses - Was a murderer, fugitive, shepherd in exile and a man of great reluctance and little faith. Yet God used him to be His primary ambassador to earth, the one with whom God spoke "face to face" and whom God spoke of as "My servant" (Joshua 1:2).

Ruth - A Moabitess in exile, widowed, childless, destitute. God set her up with Boaz, a wealthy land-owner, and they became the great-grandparents of King David (Ruth 4:21,22).

Paul - Vicious, zealous persecutor of Christians, sent many of God's children to prison and death. He turned out to be the most influential Christian ever to have lived (He wrote half of the books in the New Testament).

How can you become more "available" to God?

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