

We are valuable

A number of years ago, I read an article in the ***Gospel Minutes*** written by Johnny Ramsey. It brought out some very important points about how we view ourselves:

“Some people are extreme egotists, while others perpetually downgrade themselves. Both extremes are harmful and wrong. Because Jesus died on the cross at Calvary, each soul is of importance and of great value. Christ died that we might have an abundant life (**John 10:10**) and peace beyond measure. How can pessimism rule our lives in view of the price heaven paid for our redemption? Because of these blessings, we should never be arrogant, either. Our worth does not derive from within ourselves. We owe everything to the Lord and have no reason to boast.”

Satan tries diligently to get us to elevate our status and self-esteem too high, or, on the other hand, at rock-bottom. Human pride causes us to be worthless to the cause of Christ. If we possess low self-esteem, we have a tendency not to tap into God’s power and serve Him with joy and happiness. A balanced view of ourselves is desperately needed. In determining our view, we should remember:

We are made in the image of God.
We are God’s highest creation.
We have a noble purpose for existing.
We are heirs of all spiritual blessings.
We are redeemed by the blood of Christ.
We are on earth to glorify our Maker.
We have the hope of heaven.
We have a message that can save the world.
We can bring light into a dark world.

Remembering these things can help us to know that, Just as Paul said in **Romans 8:37-39**:

“...we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Paul also said in **Philippians 4:13** that **“I can do everything through Him who gives me strength.”** The love he showed us by sacrificing His Son for us and the strength we receive from Him to accomplish His will on this earth should prove our worth to Him. It is up to us to recognize that worth and live every day for Him.