



Summer of Single

This summer is all about you!

Week 2

Value as a Single

In your own time, take a moment to read the following scripture selection and then highlight what stands out to you.

Consider: What have you noticed about what society says about a single man and a single woman's value?

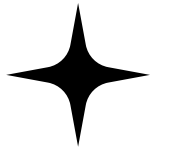
How does God determine your value?


What is something about you that is valuable to others?

What's something about you that people take for granted?

What is your contribution to the Kingdom of God in this time of your life (spiritual gifts, fruits of the Spirit)?

How would you answer, "What do you bring to the table?"





God values us very highly. Sometimes, we may forget along our single journey. From internalizing word curses from the past to having a string of bad dates, we can grow defeated in our value and desirability. We are often given the choice to believe that we've lost our value because of our age, whether we have children or not, our unmarried status, and a number of other factors.



Thankfully, we can lean on God's words and promises that remind us of our value and His thoughts towards us. One of the many examples in the Bible is from Jesus' words in Luke Chapter 12.

“What is the price of five sparrows—two copper coins? Yet God does not forget a single one of them. And the very hairs on your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows.”

Luke 12: 6-7 NLT

What can we get from this?

- If God does not forget one of billions of sparrows in the world, He has not forgotten you.
- He knows you more in detail than you will ever know about yourself. He values every piece and part of you.
- We don't have to be afraid of not being valuable. Jesus offers us reassurance in a world that wants to instill insecurity about who we are and where we are at this stage of life.
- You are valuable to God; that means He sees you and your value. He sees what you're capable of, what you will do, and what you will become. You will only get better with time!

Let's continue in Luke Chapter 12...

27 “Look at the lilies and how they grow. They don't work or make their clothing, yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are. 28 And if God cares so wonderfully for flowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith? 29 “And don't be concerned about what to eat and what to drink. Don't worry about such things. 30 These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers all over the world, but your Father already knows your needs. 31 Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and he will give you everything you need. 32 “So don't be afraid, little flock. For it gives your Father great happiness to give you the Kingdom.”

Luke 12:27-32 NLT

What can we get from this?

- Jesus Himself gives us reassurance and a guarantee that God will take care of us. Believe it!
- As single people after God's heart, we are called to renew our minds so that we're not overwhelmed with the thoughts of not being good enough or valuable.
- God knows us, our future, our wants, and our needs. We can go to Him instead of worrying and wasting even more time trying to figure it all out on our own.
- Again we see in His word that He takes joy in giving us good things like peace, grace, love, His Kingdom! We did not have to earn any of this--He freely gives it to us because we are His kids. Glory! Be encouraged in your value and reflect on all God has given you to contribute to the lives of others and the world.

