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What is the value of living?

As I sit here and think to myself, I wonder if society as a whole has lost touch with what value is. According to Merriam-Webster, value is considering someone or something to be important or beneficial; or to have a high opinion of [a person, place or thing]. My interpretation is that value is perspective based, and if it is perspective based then that means I have a say in what someone or something is worth, to me at least. To clarify, based on how significant or useful someone or something is to my life, is how I determine how precious they or it may be to me. With that I could ask myself several variants of this idea of value. Who is it that I value the most in my life? What is it that I value most in life? Why I should value anyone or thing for that matter? If I had to answer any of these ideas, generally speaking, I value life the most. Through understanding my uniqueness of purpose, pursuing my dream-goals, and most importantly, my belief in GOD (*Godhead*) and Jesus Christ as my personal LORD and Savior, I found what the true value of living is.

For many years I have been wondering what makes me unique, what my purpose is, and how these foundational monuments effect the currency of life. In other words, what value does it add to my life, and how do I leverage its worth. According to Merriam-Webster, the word unique is used to describe someone or something as being the only one of its kind; unlike anyone or anything else. The word unique is one that can be used to explain why someone or something is valuable as well. I always say that “there is no one on this earth that can do or be me better than me, otherwise they would already be me!” I am not one in a million, I, like everyone else, am one of a kind, the only me who has ever been, and ever will be. Not even

identical twins are the same, they always have at least one major difference, even if it's just their finger prints and iris scans. They are still unique. In like manner, understanding my individuality has allowed me to recognize life itself as a purpose. Furthermore, this realization has given me the ability to embrace the individuality of my purpose. Decisiveness, drive, and discipline are the elemental traits that characterize the essence of one's signature on life. These three qualities are the internal resources existing inside of each and every person, essential to fulfilling a purpose, that purpose being life. Life will not always make sense. There will be times when things appear impossible to overcome, or like there's no end to the struggle. However, every time I decided to push through and maintain with discipline, the impossibilities became possibilities, and the endless struggles became the start of new beginnings. All it took was for me to cognitively change the illogical thinking process of my point of view. This new sense of self-awareness and actualization began to transform my life, and instead of feeling helpless, I feel like helping others. Instead of feeling incapable, I feel like I have the capacity to do whatever I have enough time for. Instead of feeling worthless, I feel life's worth flowing through my veins with the euphoric heat and intensity of an erupting volcano!

With this new found respect for living life as a purpose, it is imperative I live an intentional life by pursuing my dream-goals. Right now I am doing just that; however, prior to this awe-inspiring-revelation, I had to take a step back and evaluate some things, and re-evaluate some other things too. Removing Maslow's hierarchy of basic human needs from the equation, I started asking myself questions. What is one thing I have always wanted to do that I still have not done yet? What is one thing I am

passionate about? If nothing mattered except my joy and happiness, what would I do? By asking myself these questions I began establishing a pattern of internal accountability. I did not intend for these to just be questions, I demanded answers to the questions I was asking of myself. By doing this I redefined my dreams as life-inspiring dream-goals. I say life-inspiring because once I answered those questions I began to acknowledge my purpose in life by seeing myself already living the life I dreamed of. My hope was restored! By allowing my mind to create visual models of me achieving my dream-goals, I am simply opening my eyes to the life that is mine to earn. “If you do what is hard, your life will be easy, but if you do what is easy, your life will be hard” (Les Brown). Nothing worth having should ever be made easy; life is supposed to be challenging, if it were not, there would be no life. Inspired hope is what dream-goals are made of. So when the challenges of life are attacking me, and I feel like I have nothing else in me, I have run my last mile, taken my last step, and crawled my last inch in pursuit of my dream-goal - I take a mental pause, and I tell myself - “Don’t give up, GIVE MORE!” and I keep going!

The most valuable aspect of this dynamic comes as a result of believing in GOD, the Holy Ghost (Spirit) [Spiritual Essence of GOD], as GOD the Father, and accepting Jesus Christ as the Son of GOD - as my personal LORD and Savior. The moment I started believing in the Holy Dynamic my life immediately transformed. When I need it, I get it. “When I do my best, GOD always does the rest.” Whether it comes in the form of helping hands, or a sense of constant comfort, I have unlimited joy (not to be confused with happiness). Colors are brighter, aromas are delightfully more potent, my oral receptors are more tastefully appreciative, and nothing I need to hear goes

unheard. The reason all this is even a possibility of experiences is because of the Life that GOD has already given to the World. The Bible reads, in John 3:16, KJV, “For GOD so loved the World that HE gave HIS only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him (Jesus) should not perish, but have everlasting life.” This means that Someone (Jesus, the Son of GOD), has already died (willingly offered Himself as “our” sacrifice) so that “I” (an individual/we) would be afforded the opportunity to live forever! I then ask myself, “Who am I that GOD would do something like this for me?” The answer is simple, and can be found throughout the lineage of creation within the Bible. However, Genesis 1:27 (KJV) states: “So GOD created man in HIS [GOD’s] own image, in the image of GOD created He[GOD] him [Adam]; male [Adam] and female [Eve] created HE [GOD] them [Adam and Eve].” In other words, I am a child of GOD and HE will do everything HE can to save HIS children from eternal death, and instead give them eternal life upon HIS soon return. When I realized what this meant, I recognized I had every reason to live, and to live my life with absolute purpose, because Jesus already paid the ultimate price by laying down His (Jesus) life for mine. The concept and idea that Someone would render that amount of LOVE on behalf of my life, alone, validates and marks my life as being priceless.

In summary, through the explanations on the uniqueness of purpose, dream-goals, and my belief in GOD (*Godhead*) and Jesus Christ as my personal LORD and Savior, it is unmistakably evident that there is *an absolute value* in living. The key is perspective, and perspective is based on choice. Therefore, it is my decision to value my life or not, and I choose to obtain maximum earnings. In order to maximize the value that I place on living I have to unlock my genius through the pursuit of my

purpose. I define genius as having absolute faith in GOD, and giving all I have to life itself. By giving all I have to life, I add to the value on living for others. For example, the founders of Apple, Microsoft, Facebook, Instagram, Amazon, and more, all gave everything they had to life. Consequently, the majority of the World operates with, and or through these computerized network systems. This ideal is how visions turn into dream-goals, founded within the individuality of purpose. Everything in this World exist only because of a vision someone acted on. Seeing something come to fruition that has yet to be seen, heard, felt, tasted, smelled or even thought of by anyone else requires something called FAITH (*Following Angels In To Heaven*).

According to the Bible, Hebrews 11:1, “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” GOD has given everyone a measure of faith; HE will never put more on anyone than they can handle, while exercising faith in the midst of adversity. Only GOD knows when I have given my all, and have done my best.

However, HE and I both know when GOD has done the rest. To this end, with respect to living, GOD has already done the “rest” - HE sent Jesus to die so that, in the end, I will receive life and that I might have an abundant life. Now it is time for me to do my best, and live out the “rest.” In all expressions known to man, the value of living comes in the currency of Love; moreover, being that GOD is LOVE, living in Love has the highest market value, and anyone reading this is valued with unconditional Love. “Live to live, Love to live, live to Love, and Love to LOVE.”