

Introduction:

A few years ago, MasterCard had a series of commercials which would list of some cost and then end with the tagline "Priceless". Pointing out some cost are worth it because the end result cannot be measured by dollars and cents. The fact is everything of value has some cost associated with it but there are some things the cost does not matter because what we obtain is truly priceless.

I) Our Family

A) **There are various relationships in a family and each has a cost.**

1. Husband/wife relationship - forsake all others, commitment, caring for each other.
2. Some people decide the cost is more than they can bear and they leave.
3. What is the value of a loving wife? *Proverbs 31.10*; a sacrificial husband, *Ephesians 5*.

B) **Parent/child relationship- there is the financial cost, the physical cost, the emotional cost, time, etc.** *Deut. 6.7-9*

1. Is it worth it? To hear a "I love you" to have a hand to hold, to be able to talk to them
2. Is it worth it as a child to have a good relationship with your parents?

C) **Brothers/sisters - you are going to have some kind of relationship with your siblings.**

1. Is it worth it to talk out your problems?

2. I tried to stress to our children their friendships will largely be temporary but their greatest friend should be each other. Are you going to have an Esau and Jacob relationship or a Peter and Andrew?

II) Friendships That Are Long Lasting

A) Friendships require some effort, time, energy.

1. Most of our friendships are temporary. End when we leave school, move away, get a new job, etc.
2. But some friendships are not predicated on convenience.

B) What is the value of a close friendship?

1. David and Jonathan a prime example, *1 Samuel 18.1, 3*.
2. What is the value of that relationship-talk to each other, pray for each other, rely on each other, etc. Priceless.

III) Forgiveness

A) With God

1. Bible affirms we are all in need of His forgiveness, *Romans 3.10-ff*.
2. There is a cost of our forgiveness- for us to pay.
 - a. To accept Jesus as the Son of God, *John 8.24*.
 - b. To be willing to repent and turn from our sins, *Luke 13.3*

- c. Confessing Jesus as the Son of God, *Acts 8.37*
- d. Be baptized into Christ, *Galatians 3.27*
- 3. As a Christian we will need God's forgiveness, *1 John 1.9*.
- 4. What is the price of being with God? Priceless.

B) With our fellowman

- 1. Various Bible passages which tells us what to do if a brother sins against us and what we are to do if we are the sinning brother.
- 2. There is a cost - going to the one in sin, the one in sin listening, repenting. *Matthew 5.23-26*
- 3. But the value of a restored relationship is priceless.

IV) Our Soul

A) This is one thing we have which was given to us by God, *Genesis 1.26-27*.

- 1. Your soul is eternal as compared to everything in this world which is temporary, *1 Timothy 6.7-8*
- 2. Ironically a lot of people don't value their own soul. They neglect it, sell it out for something of lesser value. *Matthew 16.26*

B) What will you give in exchange for your soul?

- 1. How much will it take for you to give up heaven?
- 2. No matter the cost your soul is priceless.

V) The Cost Of Our Salvation

A) How much does your salvation cost you, mentioned earlier in this lesson.

1. But don't confuse this is how much your salvation cost in totality?
2. It has been said that salvation is free but that doesn't mean it didn't cost anything.

B) The Life of Jesus, *1 Peter 1.19-19*

1. Jesus paid it all, *2 Corinthians 5.15* "He died for all"
2. The blood of Jesus - the Son of God, the Word of God, the great I Am, Our Creator, Sinless one, etc.
3. There is no price for the soul of mankind or the Son of God.

VI) Heaven Is Priceless.

A) There is a cost of going to heaven, bearing the cross. *Luke 14.27*

1. We read of the saints dying for the cause of Christ, *Revelation 6.9-10*
2. Earlier we spoke of the pricelessness of forgiveness, our soul, and salvation.

B) The end result is going to heaven

1. A popular song titled "I Can Only Imagine" has the following words.

I can only imagine what it will be like
When I walk, by your side

I can only imagine what my eyes will see

When you face is before me

2. No matter the cost going to heaven is priceless.

Conclusion:

As we get ready for Thanksgiving let us remember our blessings and realize nothing, I mentioned is this life is physical in nature but spiritual and those things are truly priceless.