

**DECIDING WHAT'S IMPORTANT**  
**#SermonPrioritizing**  
**Skills For Living With Purpose Part 2**  
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**STEP 1: *PRIORITIZE*** the values that matter most.

**My Values Affect...**

- My **STRESS** (James 1:6-7)

**James 1:6-7a** ...Whoever **doubts** is like a wave in the sea that is driven and blown about by the wind. <sup>7</sup> If you are like that, **unable to make up your mind** and **undecided in all you do**, you must not think that you will receive anything from the Lord. (TEV)

- My **SUCCESS** (Proverbs 21:21)

**Proverbs 21:21** A person who tries to **live right** and **be loyal** finds life, **success** and honor. (ICB)

- My **SALVATION** (Mark 8:36)

**Mark 8:36** It is worth nothing for a person to **have the whole world**, if he **loses his soul**. (ICB)

**HOW TO LAY A FOUNDATION OF VALUES FOR LIFE**

**1. CHOOSE YOUR SOURCE**

**1 John 2:15-16** Stop loving this **evil world** and all that it offers you... <sup>16</sup> the lust for **sex**, the ambition to **buy everything** that appeals to you, and the pride that comes from **wealth and importance**—these are not from **God**. They are from this **evil world** itself. (LB)

**Romans 12:2a** Don't become so **well-adjusted to your culture** that you fit into it **without even thinking**. (MSG)

**2. CLARIFY WHAT'S IMPORTANT**

**Job 34:4** We should **choose to follow what is right**. But first of all we must **define what is good**. (LB)

**Hebrews 11:24-25** By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, <sup>25</sup> **choosing** rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy **the passing pleasures of sin**. (NASB)

**1 Timothy 6:7** For we brought nothing into the world, and **we can take nothing out** of it. (NIV)

**Mark 10:31** Many who have the **highest place now** will have the **lowest place in the future**. And those who have the **lowest place now** will have the **highest place in the future**. (ICB)

**Ecclesiastes 1:2** "**Vanity of vanities**," says the Preacher, "**Vanity of vanities! All is vanity**." (NASB)

**1 John 2:17** The **world and its desires pass away**, but the man who does the will of God lives forever. (NIV)

### **3. CHANGE MY LIFESTYLE**

**Ephesians 4:17-24** And so I insist—and God backs me up on this—that there be **no going along with the crowd**, the empty-headed, mindless crowd... <sup>20</sup> That's no life for you... <sup>22</sup> ...**Get rid of it!** And then take on **an entirely new way of life**—a **God-fashioned life**, <sup>23</sup> a life **renewed from the inside** <sup>24</sup> and **working itself into your conduct** as **God accurately reproduces** his character in you. (MSG)

**Philippians 4:13** I can do everything God asks me to with **the help of Christ who gives me the strength and power**. (LB)

**2 Corinthians 5:17** When someone becomes a Christian, he becomes a **brand new person** inside. He is **not the same anymore**. A **new life has begun!** (LB)