

Worth of the Individual

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I. Introduction.

A. Salvation is individual. (John 3:16, 3:18, 3:36) Jesus died for the individual, and we are not to look back having accepted him. (Luke 9)

II. There are two commandments: love God and love your neighbor. (Matthew 22:36)

A. Only a few things matter, maybe only one - sitting at Jesus' feet.

B. Loving our neighbor is difficult because of self. (Ephesians 5:28, John 14:12, Proverbs 14:12)

C. We need to constantly renew our minds. (Romans 12:2)

1. We are responsible for turning to our own way. (Proverbs 16:2, Isaiah 53:6, John 5:41, John 6:38, 8:29)

2. You got to have:

- Thick skin
- Soft heart
- Tough mind.

III.. God is looking for an individual. (Ezekiel 22:30)

A. Moody said that the world has yet to see what a man could do fully yielded to God and Dawson Trotman challenged that God was looking for just one man.

B. God can use any man. (Isaiah 66:1-2, 57:15, Psalm 106:23)God harkened to the prayers of a man. (Joshua 10:14, 2 Chronicles 16:9, Isaiah 50:5-12, Genesis 24:60)

D. Paul put the emphasis on the individual. (2 Timothy 2:2, Acts 20:4, 2 Corinthians 2:12-16)

E. The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life. (Proverbs 11:30, John 15:16)

Application questions

1. Defend the importance of the value of the individual to God biblically.

2. How is the worth of the individual expressed through Matthew 22:36? Explain.

3. Where is your man? What are you doing to invest spiritually in another person and what more can you do in light of the message?
