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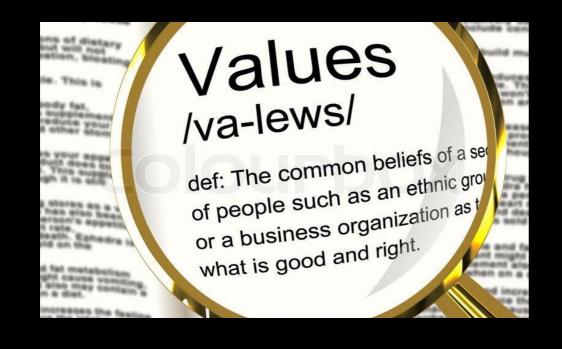








THREE STORIES ABOUT VALUES



VALUES ARE LIKE FINGERPRINTS. NOBODY'S ARE THE SAME, BUT YOU LEAVE 'EM ALL OVER EVERYTHING YOU DO.

Jesus said to them:

Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.'

And he told them this parable...

The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. He thought to himself, "What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops."

'Then he said, "This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain.

And I'll say to myself, 'You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry."

But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?"

This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich towards God.'

Luke 12: 36-41



Spiritually intelligent people work to acquire spiritual wealth.

God has already placed Jesus Christ as the one and only foundation, and no other foundation can be laid. Some will use gold or silver or precious stones in building on the foundation; others will use wood or grass or straw. And the quality of each person's work will be seen when the Day of Christ exposes it. For on that Day fire will reveal everyone's work; the fire will test it and show its real quality. If what was built on the foundation survives the fire, the builder will receive a reward. But if your work is burnt up, then you will lose it; but you yourself will be saved, as if you had escaped through the fire. 1 Corinthians 3: 11-15 (Good News Bible)