

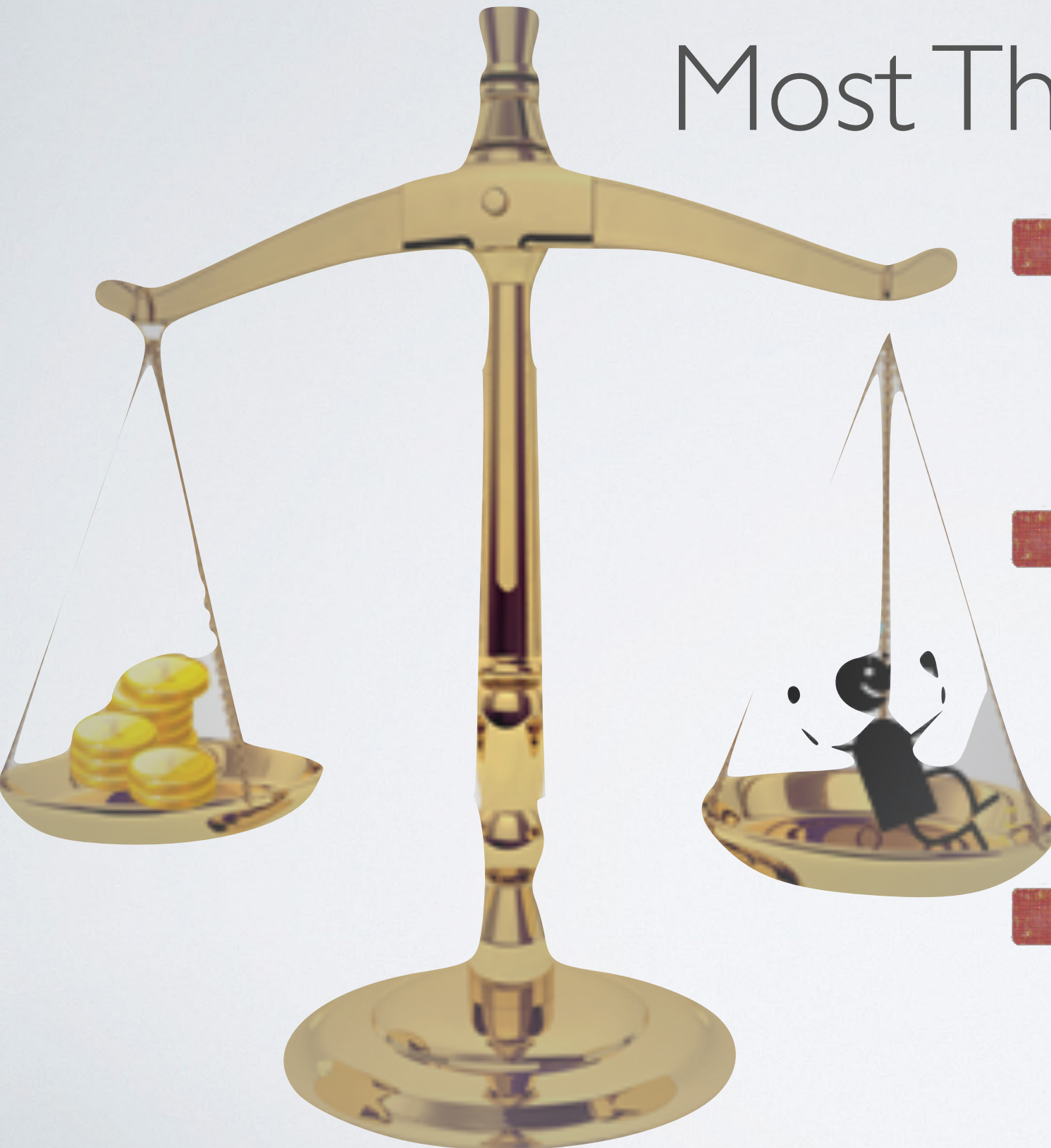
# HOW MUCH ARE YOU WORTH

Psalm 8:1–9



# HOW MUCH ARE YOU **WORTH**

Most Think . . .



- **My NET WORTH:** How much MONEY & STUFF do I HAVE?
- **My CURRENT WORTH:** How much MONEY are people willing to PAY for my SERVICES?
- **My POTENTIAL WORTH:** What can I do to make MORE MONEY?



# HOW MUCH ARE YOU **WORTH**

## BY **COMPARISON...**



- Look at all the people ... I am one of app. **108 BILLION** people who have ever lived ...
- The current world population is 7.7 billion as of March 2019 [1] - could will reach 8 Billion by 2023
- Another comparison ...



# Psalm 8:1–9 (NKJV)

*To the Chief Musician. On the Instrument of Gath. A Psalm of David.*

<sup>1</sup> O Lord, our Lord, How excellent *is* Your name in all the earth, Who have set Your glory above the heavens! <sup>2</sup> Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have ordained strength, Because of Your enemies, That You may silence the enemy and the avenger. <sup>3</sup> When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained,



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<sup>4</sup> What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him? <sup>5</sup> For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor. <sup>6</sup> You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all *things* under his feet, <sup>7</sup> All sheep and oxen— Even the beasts of the field, <sup>8</sup> The birds of the air, And the fish of the sea That pass through the paths of the seas. <sup>9</sup> O Lord, our Lord, How excellent *is* Your name in all the earth!



# HOW MUCH ARE YOU **WORTH**

## BY **COMPARISON...**



- When compared with the **POWER** of God — Genesis 1:1; 6; 19; Ps. 33:6; Rom 1:20
- When compared with the **GLORY** of God — Ps. 19:1; 113:4
- When compared with the **WISDOM** of God — Dan. 2:20; Rom. 1:22; 11:33; Eph. 3:10



# HOW MUCH ARE YOU WORTH

65% Oxygen  
18% Carbon  
10% Hydrogen  
3% Nitrogen  
1.5% Calcium  
1% Phosphorous  
0.35% Potassium  
0.25% Sulfur  
0.15% Sodium  
0.15% Chlorine  
0.05% Magnesium  
0.0004% Iron  
0.00004% Iodine.

The average person has about eighteen square feet of skin. Basing the skin's value on the selling price of cowhide, (\$.25 per square foot), the value of

an average person's skin would be about \$3.50.

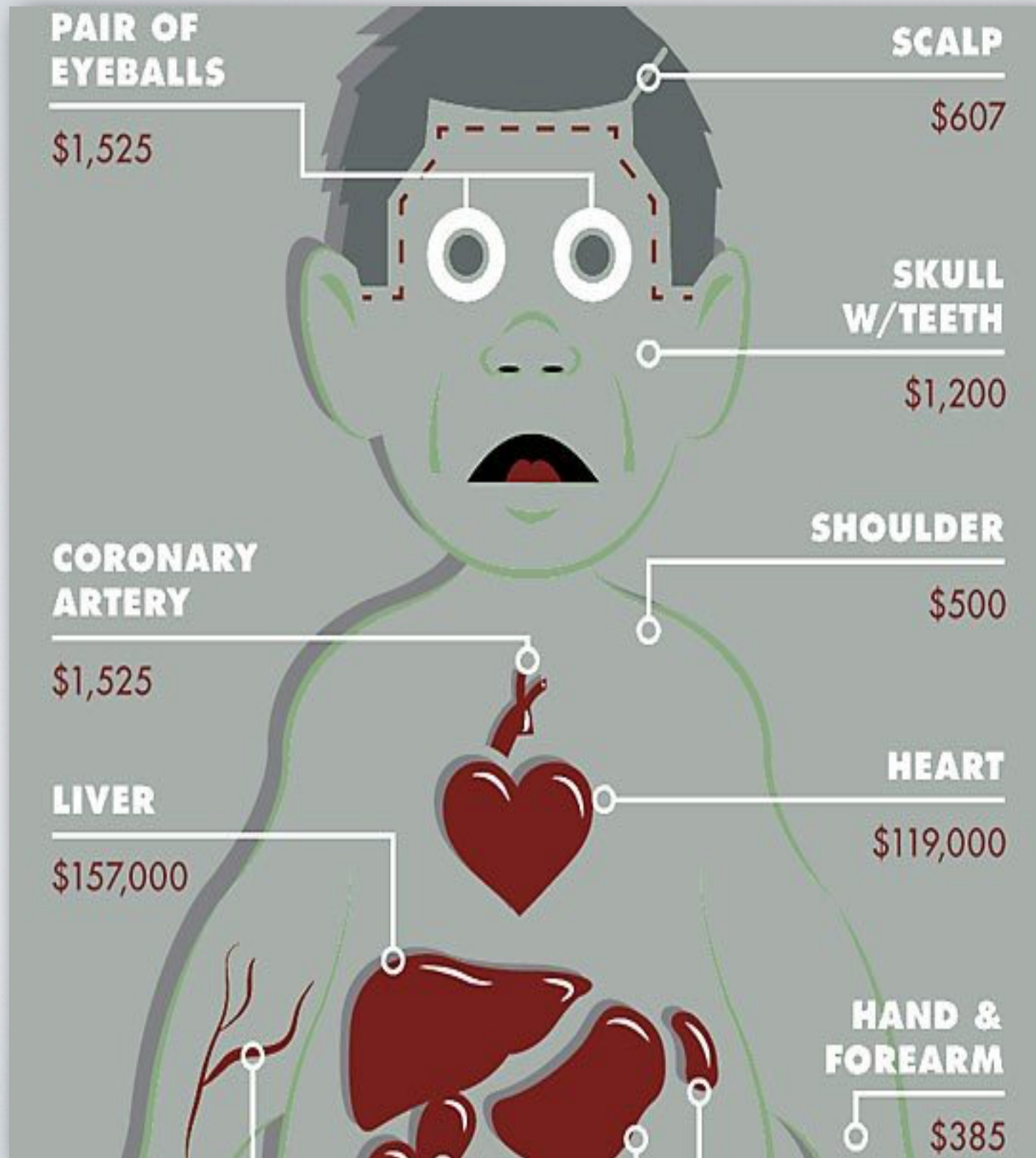
Less than  
\$1.00

**Monetary Value Of  
The Elements In Our  
Bodies - \$4.50!**



# HOW MUCH ARE YOU

# WORTH



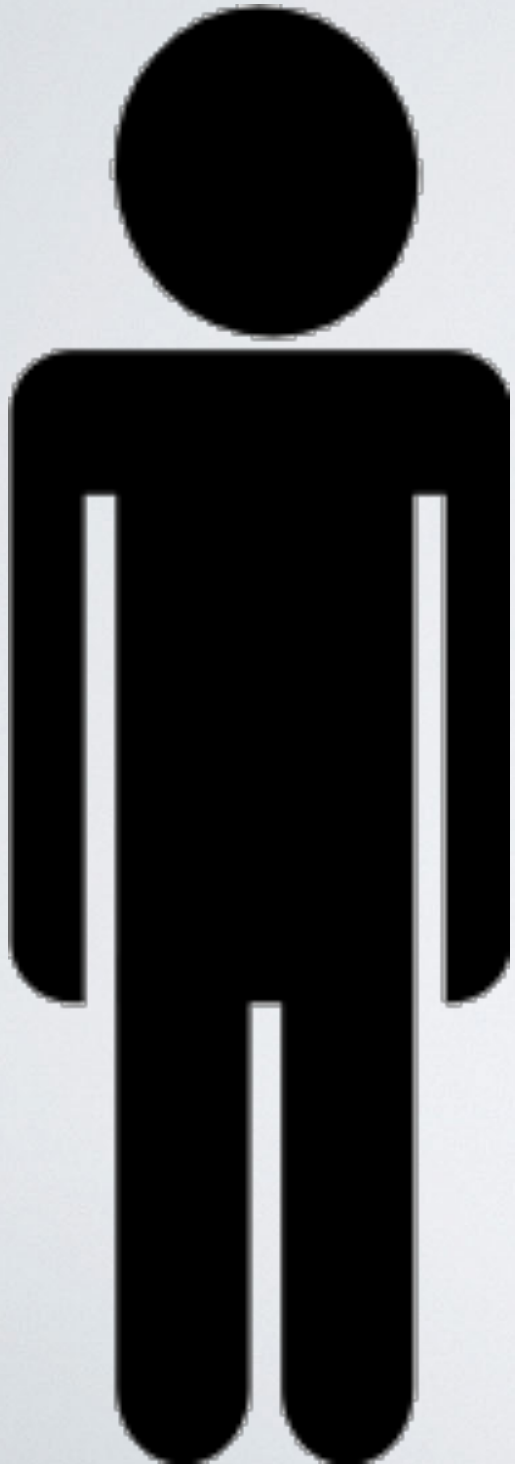
- 1.5 million tissue transplants take place in the U.S. each year.
- Transplantable organs, blood transfusions, bone marrow transplants, etc., are valuable to those who need them!
- POTENTIAL WORTH?

**\$45 Million**



# HOW MUCH ARE YOU **WORTH**

## The **VALUE** of One's **CONTRIBUTIONS**

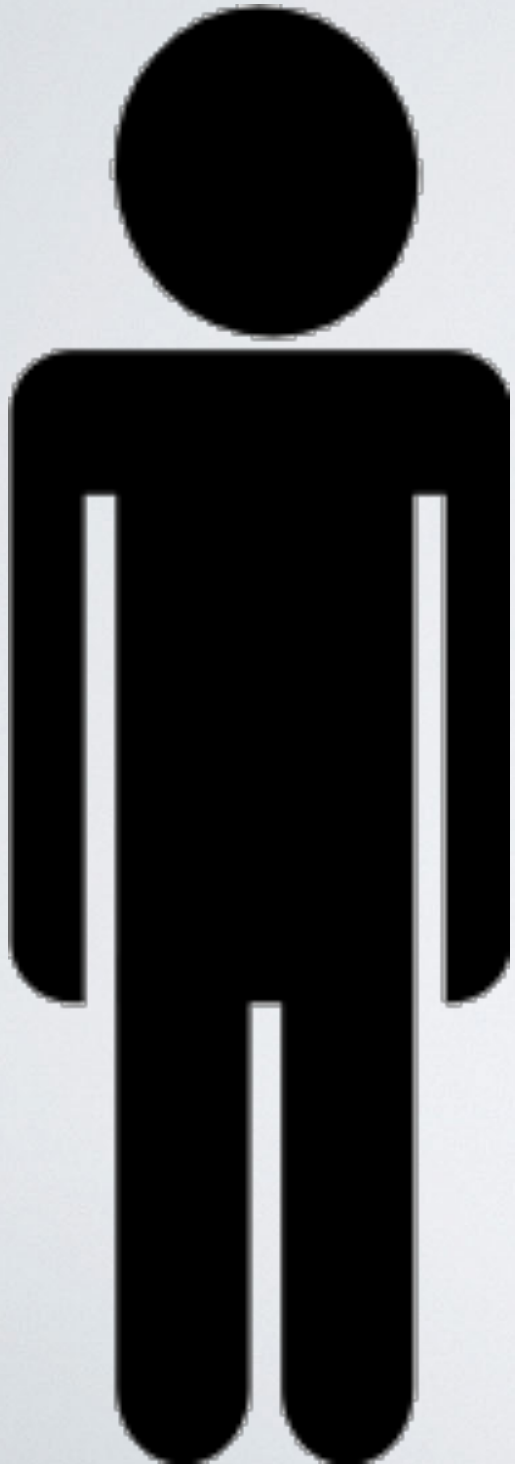


- The **evolutionist**: “an amazing accident”
- The **materialist**: “temporary living matter”
- The **ecologist**: “threat to the environment”
- The **industrialist**: “a cog in the machine”
- The **government**: “a taxpayer”
- The **politician**: “a voter”
- The **businessman**: “a customer”
- The **fundraiser**: “a contributor”



# HOW MUCH ARE YOU **WORTH**

The **VALUE** of One's **CONTRIBUTIONS**



- To country -
- To society -
- To organization / business -
- To family / friends
- Local church



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## The **VALUE** of One's **CONTRIBUTIONS**

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### MEASURED BY:

Financial  
contributions

Labor / time / energy  
provided

Skill / abilities

Leadership qualities

Moral influence -

Mat 5:13-16



# HOW MUCH ARE YOU

# WORTH

## The **VALUE** of One's **CONTRIBUTIONS**

### Philippians 1:23–26 (NKJV)

<sup>23</sup> For I am hard-pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, *which is far better.* <sup>24</sup> Nevertheless to remain in the flesh *is* more needful for you. <sup>25</sup> And being confident of this, I know that I shall remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy of faith, <sup>26</sup> that your rejoicing for me may be more abundant in Jesus Christ by my coming to you again.

### MEASURED BY:

Financial  
contributions

Labor / time / energy  
provided

Skill / abilities

Leadership qualities

Moral influence –  
Mat 5:13-16



# HOW MUCH ARE YOU

# WORTH

## The **VALUE** of One's **CONTRIBUTIONS**

- As a HUSBAND / WIFE?
- As a FATHER / MOTHER?
- As a CHURCH MEMBER?
- As a COMMUNITY MEMBER?

### MEASURED BY:

OUR CHRIST-LIKENESS

OUR HOLINESS

OUR FAITH &  
FAITHFULNESS

OUR HUMILITY

OUR LOYALTY

OUR KNOWLEDGE

OUR LOVE & SERVICE /  
VALUING OTHERS



HOW MUCH ARE YOU **WORTH**

What Is **Man** Worth **To God?**



**Job 7:17–18 (NKJV)**

<sup>17</sup> “What *is* man, that  
You should exalt him,  
*That* You should set  
Your heart on him, <sup>18</sup>  
*That* You should visit  
him every morning,  
*And* test him every  
moment?”



# HOW MUCH ARE YOU **WORTH**

## What Is **Man** Worth **To God**?



### **Psalm 8:4–5 (NKJV)**

4 What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him? 5 For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor.



# HOW MUCH ARE YOU **WORTH**

## What Is **Man** Worth **To God**?



- Made in **God's IMAGE** –  
(Ge 1:26,27; 5:1; 9:6; Jm 3:9)
- A **living soul** – **distinct** from,  
and **higher** than animals –  
and lower than the angels –  
(Gen 2:7; Ps. 8:5; Heb 2:4-9)
- The body is a tent in which  
we, (our spirit, soul), dwell –  
(2 Pet. 1:14; 2 Cor. 5:1-9)



# HOW MUCH ARE YOU **WORTH**

## What Is **Man** Worth **To God**?



- Our **SPIRITS** will continue to exist after death – (2 Co 4:16; Jm 2:26; Ecc. 3:19-21; 12:7)
- **ALL** will be raised & judged after death by Jesus Christ – (Heb. 9:27; Eccl. 12:13,14; Mat 10:28; John 5:28,29; 12:48; Acts 17:30,31; Rom. 2:6-10; 2 Cor. 5:10; Rev 20:11-15)
- Our problem / dilemma – **SIN** (Rom 3:23; 6:23; Is. 59:1-3)



# HOW MUCH ARE YOU **WORTH**

## What Is **Man** Worth **To God**?



**Value is  
determined by  
what one is  
willing to pay**

- Worth more than sparrows – (Mat 6:26)
- Worth more than sheep – (Mat 12:10-13)
- Worth more than an ox or donkey – (Luke 13:11-17)
- God has SHOWN how much He values mankind - (Jn 3:16; Rom. 5:8; Eph. 2:4; 1 Jn 4:9,10; Rev. 1:5)



# HOW MUCH ARE YOU **WORTH**

## What Is **Man** Worth **To God**?

**John 3:16–17 (NKJV)**

<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.





# HOW MUCH ARE YOU **WORTH**

## What Is **Man** Worth **To God**?



### **Romans 5:8–9 (NKJV)**

<sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

<sup>9</sup> Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.



# HOW MUCH ARE YOU **WORTH**

## What Is **Man** Worth **To God**?



### **Ephesians 2:4–5 (NKJV)**

<sup>4</sup> But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),



# HOW MUCH ARE YOU **WORTH**

## What Is **Man** Worth **To God**?

### 1 John 4:9–10 (NKJV)

<sup>9</sup> In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. <sup>10</sup> In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.





# HOW MUCH ARE YOU **WORTH**

## What Is **Man** Worth **To God**?



- Jesus **left** the glories of heaven for us – (Phili 2:5-8)
- Jesus **became** a man – (John 1:14; Phili 2:5-8; Heb 2:14-18)
- Jesus **willingly** went to the cross – (Mat 26:42-44,53)
- Jesus **died** for us – (Acts 20:28; 1 Cor. 6:19-21; 2 Cor 5:14-19)



# HOW MUCH ARE YOU **WORTH**

## What Is **Man** Worth **To God**?

### **1 Peter 1:17–21 (NKJV)**

<sup>17</sup> And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay *here* in fear; <sup>18</sup> knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, *like* silver or gold, from your aimless conduct *received* by tradition from your fathers,





# HOW MUCH ARE YOU **WORTH**

## What Is **Man** Worth **To God**?

### **1 Peter 1:17–21 (NKJV)**

<sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. <sup>20</sup> He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you <sup>21</sup> who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.



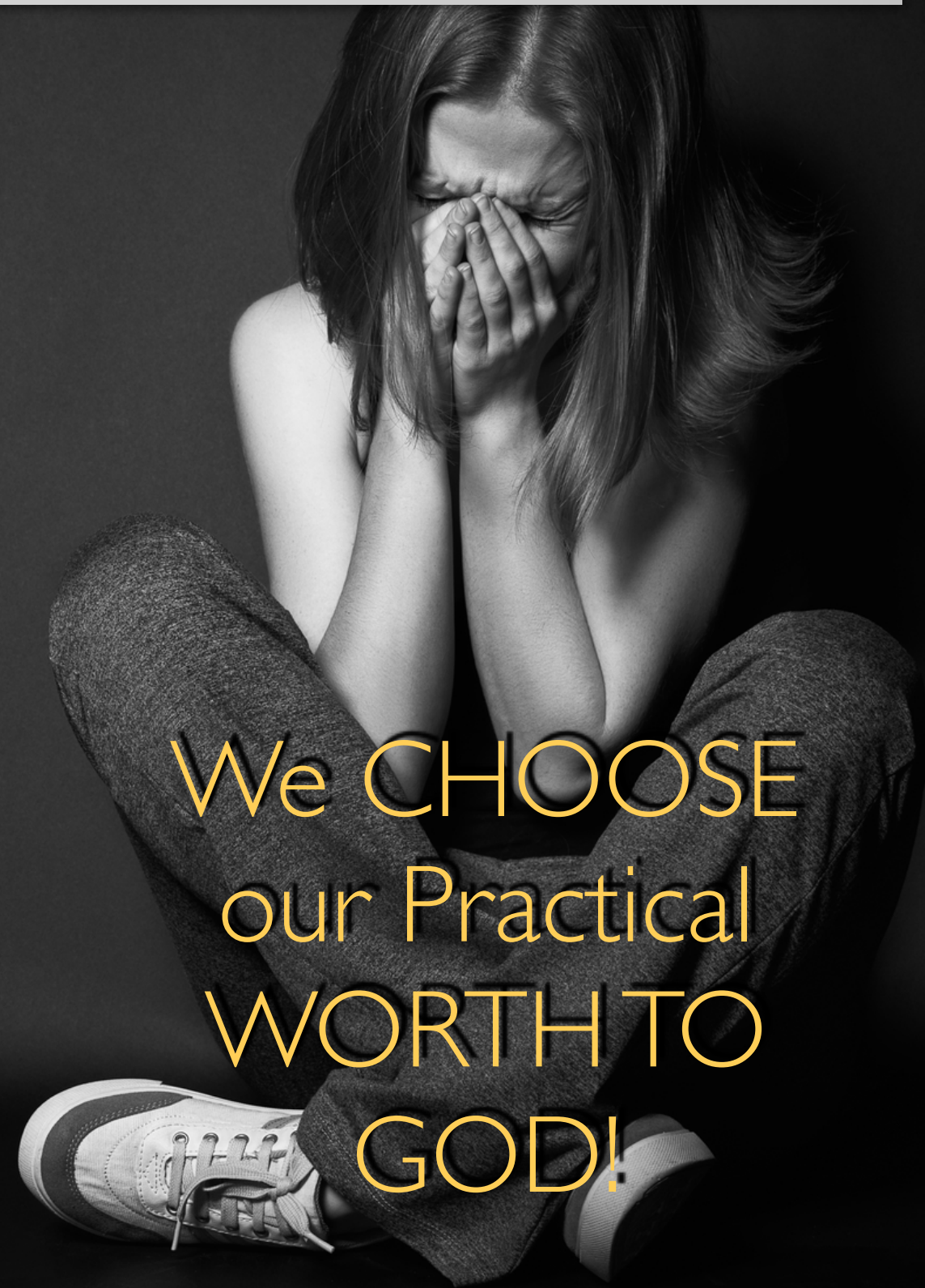


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## 2 Timothy 2:20–21 (NKJV)

<sup>20</sup> But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor. <sup>21</sup> Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work.



We CHOOSE  
our Practical  
WORTH TO  
GOD!



# HOW MUCH ARE YOU

# WORTH

## Matthew 16:24–26 (NKJV)

<sup>24</sup> Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. <sup>25</sup> For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. <sup>26</sup> For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?



Do You **VALUE**  
Your **REAL**  
**SELF?**



HOW MUCH ARE YOU

WORTH

More than  
EVERYTHING in  
this world!

What will you  
give in  
exchange for  
your soul??






# HOW MUCH ARE YOU

# WORTH

1. **Believe** that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God – John 8:24
2. **Confess** Him before men – Mat 10:32; Rom. 10:9,10
3. **Repent** – Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30
4. **Be baptized** in the name of Jesus Christ – Acts 2:38; Gal. 3:26,27
5. **Live for Jesus** Who died for you – 2 Cor. 5:15








# HOW MUCH ARE YOU WORTH

IF you exchange your soul for ANYTHING in this world – that will be the thing you hate the most  
**FOR ALL ETERNITY!!!!!!!**









# HOW MUCH ARE YOU WORTH

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## Hebrews 2:5–9 (NKJV)

<sup>5</sup> For He has not put the world to come, of which we speak, in subjection to angels. <sup>6</sup> But one testified in a certain place, saying: *“What is man that You are mindful of him, Or the son of man that You take care of him?”* <sup>7</sup> You have made him a little lower than the angels; You have crowned him with glory and honor, And set him over the works of Your hands. <sup>8</sup> You have put all things in subjection under his feet.”



## Hebrews 2:5–9 (NKJV)

For in that He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing *that is* not put under him. But now we do not yet see all things put under him. <sup>9</sup> But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.



Jesus posed two questions concerning our value: “For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?” (Matt. 16:26)

Commenting on this verse, Albert Barnes noted:

**For what is a man profited ...** - To gain the whole world means to possess it as our own - all its riches, its honors, and its pleasures.

“To lose his own soul” means to be cast away, to be shut out from heaven, to be sent to hell. Two things are implied by Christ in these questions:

1. That they who are striving to gain the world, and are unwilling to give it up for the sake of [life in Christ], will lose their souls; and
2. That if the soul is lost, nothing can be given in exchange for it, or that it can never afterward be saved. There is no redemption in hell.

To carry the idea further, Jesus willingly gave His life (John 10:11, 17-18) and shed His blood to redeem our souls from sin, death and hell (Cf. Matt. 26:28; I Pet. 1:18-19; Revelation 1:18.) The apostle John wrote that “He himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.” (I Jn. 2:2) How much are we worth to God? Everything Heaven could offer! - *Roger Leonard*

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