

Measuring Up Part One - The Standard

Without the proper standard, we don't know how to measure life.

Leviticus 19:35-36

Do not use dishonest standards when measuring length, weight, or volume. 36 Your scales and weights must be accurate. Your containers for measuring dry materials or liquids must be accurate. I am the LORD your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt.”

Luke 12:15

Then he said, “Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own.”

God's Word sets the standard for how we measure success.

2 Timothy 3:16

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.

Galatians 1:10

I am not trying to please people. I want to please God. Do you think I am trying to please people? If I were doing that, I would not be a servant of Christ.

God's standard provides us with values that hold us accountable.

2 Peter 3:11

Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives.

God doesn't measure the same way we do.

Mark 12:43-44

Jesus called his disciples to him and said, “I tell you the truth, this poor widow has given more than all the others who are making contributions.44 For they gave a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she had to live on.”

1 Samuel 16:7

But the LORD said to Samuel, “Don't judge by his appearance or height, for I have rejected him. The LORD doesn't see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”

Measuring up in the world's eyes requires you to become less - not more!

1 Samuel 17:28

Then Eliab became angry with David. “Why did you come here,” he asked him, “and with whom did you leave those few sheep in the wilderness? I know how overconfident and headstrong you are. You came here just to see the battle.”

The world wants to keep you as a shepherd but God is wanting to make you a giant-slayer!

2 Corinthians 10:12

Certainly, when they measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves to themselves, they show how foolish they are.