

Market Values

Part Three - Declaration and Dedication

A fallen world wants us to keep our values to ourselves.

1 Corinthians 1:18

The message of the cross is foolish to those who are headed for destruction! But we who are being saved know it is the very power of God.

The values readily available and in demand from this fallen world are to be rejected while the values we receive from God are to be promoted!

Matthew 5:14

“You are the light of the world - like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden.”

How to Declare Our Values

1. State them clearly and compassionately.

1 Peter 3:15

But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect...

2. Write them down.

Habakuk 2:2

Then the LORD said to me, “Write my answer plainly on tablets, so that a runner can carry the correct message to others.”

3. Teach them to our children.

Deuteronomy 6:6-9

And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. 7 Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. 8 Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. 9 Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

4. Live them out.

James 2:14

What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don't show it by your actions?

A dedication to our values is just as important as a declaration of our values.

1 John 2:6

If we say we are his, we must follow the example of Christ.