

Market Values

Pt. 4 - Develop and Defend

- Our values must be developed.

Galatians 4:18-19, It is fine to be zealous, provided the purpose is good, and to be so always and not just when I am with you. 19 My dear children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you...

Note - Values work like an ethical muscle memory.

Example - Golf (The ethical hook or slice.)
Stewardship - Over time we practice sticking with a budget, saving for what we want, praying before spending, etc.

Note - Practice what doesn't come natural to you until it comes natural to you!

Example - Evangelism

Note - Like photographs, values are often developed in dark places.

2 Corinthians 12:9, Each time he said, "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness." So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me.

Example - Sobriety

Ephesians 4:27, and do not leave room for the Devil.

Note - That sense of value came from very dark places I don't ever intend to revisit!

- Our values must be defended.

Note - When your biblical values are questioned, defend them!

2 Timothy 2:25, Be humble when you correct people who oppose you. Maybe God will lead them to turn to him and learn the truth.

Note - We often try to clean the fish before we catch them

Example - The Romanian's value system

Note - The greatest threat to our values isn't someone who doesn't share them. The greatest threat to our values is us not valuing them enough.

Example - Rehoboam's gold shields

Our Ten Core Values

Evangelism

We are a soul winning church fulfilling the Great Commission.

Mark 16:15, And then he told them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone."

Discipleship

We are disciples making disciples.

Matthew 28:19, Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Prayer

We recognize there is no relationship with God without prayer.

1 Thessalonians 5:17, Pray without ceasing.

The Bible

We base all we believe about God on His Word.

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.

Worship

We believe worshiping God is the reason we exist.

Revelation 4:11, You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for you have created all things, and for your pleasure they are and were created.

Family

When we strengthen the family we strengthen the church.

Proverbs 22:6, Train a child in the way he should go, and even when he is old he will not turn away from it.

Diversity

We celebrate our differences and learn from one another.

Revelations 7:9, After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb.

Honor

We respect the dignity of every person created in God's image.

Romans 13:7, If you owe someone honor, honor that person.

Stewardship

We strive to make the most of opportunity, resources and gifting.

1 Corinthians 4:2, ...it is required of stewards, that they be found faithful

round faithful.

Improvement

We believe anything we do for God is worth doing right.

2 Corinthians 8:7, Now as you excel in everything - in faith, speech, knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love for us - excel also in this act of grace.