

THE WORTH OF A \$20 DOLLAR BILL

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The following article came to me recently and I contended that I should pass it on. It has been slightly edited and a conclusion added.

A well-known speaker started off his seminar by holding up a \$20.00 bill. In the room of 200, he asked, "Who would like this \$20 bill?"

Hands started going up. He said, "I am going to give this \$20 to one of you but first, let me do this. He proceeded to crumple up the \$20 dollar bill. He then asked, "Who still wants it?" Still the hands were up.

Well, he replied, "What if I do this?" And he dropped it on the ground and started to grind it into the floor with his shoe. He picked it up, now crumpled and dirty. "Now, who still wants it?" Still hands went up.

My friends, we have all learned a very valuable lesson. No matter what I did to the money, you still wanted it because it did not decrease in value.

Many times in our lives, we are dropped, crumpled, and ground into the dirt by the decisions we make and the circumstances that come our way. We feel as though we are worthless. But no matter what has happened or what will happen, we will never lose our value. Dirty or clean, crumpled or finely creased, we are still priceless to those who love us. The worth of our lives comes not in what we do or who we know, but by who we are.

We are special – We must never forget it. If you do not pass this on, you may never know the lives it touches, the hurting hearts it speaks to, or the hope that it can bring. **Count your blessings, not your problems.** May we remember that amateurs built the ark, whereas professionals built the Titanic. If God brings you to it - He will bring you through it. However, we must **get on the right track** with God. May we each take serious the steps below to get on God's team and stay there. Commitment is the name of the game (True in marriage and in a relationship with the Creator).

Plainly, don't get short changed. Let's be ready to meet our Maker. The Bible (in Acts) teaches that to avoid hell and gain heaven - one must:

- 1) Believe In Jesus As Savior (16:31)
- 2) Repent Of Sins (17:30)
- 3) Confess Christ Audibly (8:37)
- 4) Be Baptized In Water (2:38)
- 5) Live A Christian Life (14:22)
- 6) Be Active In the Church (2:47)

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