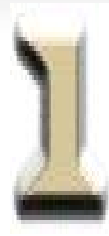




High Value Living



Lesson

Discovering the Real You

To experience high value living it is important to know who you are, that is, your personality, giftings and purpose in life. Every single person is unique. Each person is a special creation of God, sought out personally by God. He has a plan for your life and this plan is for your good. God wants the very best for your life.

God's wonderful plan

The first words of the Bible are... "*In the beginning God ...*" (Genesis 1:1). It goes on to describe how God brought everything on earth into being, climaxing in the creation of man and woman.

"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them" Genesis 1:27.

The beginning point for every person is God himself. In bringing people into being God had a glorious plan — an eternal plan for *you* — a plan that continues to unfold even to this day. It is knowing and experiencing God's wonderful plan for your life that brings you into high value living.

A Child of God

Just like every child born into the world has the DNA of its parents, you were created in God's image — with the spiritual DNA of God. In other words you were patterned after Himself. But why did God do this? He created you in His image for a reason — so that He could have a close relationship with you. You can only have a real relationship with someone who is *like* you, who speaks the same language, who has feelings like you do, who understands what you go through. So when God created you, He put something of Himself in you — an ability to love, a desire for companionship, a demand for justice, a sense of humour, an enjoyment of music and art, and, most important of all, a free will for this meant your love for Him would come from your own heart by your own choice.

What went wrong?

The first man and woman, our ancestors, made the wrong choice. Lucifer (Satan), the great angelic being who had rebelled against God, lied to them, telling them that by going their own way, independent from God, they would find complete freedom and be gods in their own right. They believed him and all humanity has experienced the consequences of their sin (Romans 5:12). But God, the loving Father, put a great plan into action - a plan that would restore that loving relationship with Him and the magnificent goal He has for you.

**Satan took humanity
to the depths of chaos**



**But God's hand reaches
down to save us all**

