

***A MESSAGE ON YOUR GOD-GIVEN WORTH***  
***A LIFE WORTH LIVING***  
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All of us have been given certain gifts and special abilities—whether we recognize them as such or not. The important issue is not how many of these abilities we have; rather to what use are we putting them? Are we utilizing these gifts in a way that God intends for them? Are we seeking to achieve the purposes for which we were designed?

Our intrinsic worth is not affected by what we do or fail to do—we are all of high and equal value and always will be—but our useful value is determined by what we do with our intrinsic value. God has a purpose for our lives. We were made by Him and for Him. Forgive the repetition, but I must say it again: God knows us, loves us, invests in us, believes in us and has plans for us. God wants to guide us through life in a friend-to-friend relationship of faith, hope, love, purpose and service.

*“For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do” (Ephesians 2:10).*

Unfortunately, many of us fail to discover God’s purpose for our lives or we fail to align with it. Or maybe we prefer to live for our own purposes. We go our way instead of God’s way and do our will rather than God’s will. We end up not being the persons God created us to be and therefore we feel alienated, disoriented and devalued. We then fail to enjoy the relationship that He wants us to enjoy with Him.

What have we done with the investment God has made in us?