

1 ☐ **LIFE DIRECTIONS**

“Deciding What Is Important”

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Foundations

1. Government – laws, economy

2. Business – practices, ethics

3. Family – love, respect

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The foundation for our lives will determine the outcome of our lives

VALUES:

- Define our beliefs
- Determine our priorities and direction

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Bible identifies two primary sources for values:

- World – culture, society, history
- Word of God – Biblical truths, principles

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Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

For everything in the world—the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does—comes not from the Father but from the world.

The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.

(1 John 2:15-17)

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1. PRIORITIZE – what matters the most

“For the ear tests words, as the tongue tastes food. Let us discern for ourselves

what is right; let us learn together what is good.”

(Job 34:4,5)

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Biblical List of Priorities:

1. God – living His principles and truths
2. Relationships – family, friends, co-workers
3. Church – involvement, serving others
4. Personal development – spiritual first

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What kind of person do you want to become?

1. Faithful disciple of Christ
2. Relationships filled with love & respect
3. Dedicated to church service
4. Living in integrity – the walk matches the talk

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2. ANALYZE – what matters the least

*“Turn my eyes away from worthless things;
preserve my life according to Your Word.”*

(Psalm 119:37)

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“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is – His good, pleasing and perfect will.”

(Romans 12:2)

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3. TRANSITION – toward Godly values

“Do not merely listen to the Word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the Word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.

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“But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it - he will be blessed in what he does.”

(James 1:22-25)

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