

## HOW TO UNCOVER YOUR UNDERLYING (CORE) VALUES

1. **Identify Biblical Values That Apply To Everyone - Moral Virtues Which Are Non-Optional.**
  2. **Identify And Write Down The Specific Core Values That Define You**
  3. **Compare Your Written Values With Your Practiced Values**
- What are your “practiced” values, and which are just “claimed” values?

## TWO REVEALING QUESTIONS

### 1. Using The Negative – What Things Really Anger You?

- Examples:
- Hypocrisy (integrity)
  - Selfishness (generosity)
  - Pretension (authenticity)
  - Half-heartedness (excellence)
  - Rudeness (kindness)

### 2. Using The Positive – What Things Bring You Much Enjoyment?

- Examples:
- Spending time with outcasts (mercy)
  - Teaching (education)
  - Playing with children (children)
  - Helping people (service)
  - Arranging flowers (beauty)

## ENTERING INTO DESTINY

### Part 4 – Determining My Underlying (Core) Values

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## REVIEW

1. **You Are Created For A Unique Purpose** - 2 Corinthians 5:5
2. **God Is Empowering You And Working With You To Fulfill Your Purpose** - Romans 8:28, NIV
3. **Diagnostic Indicators To Your P.U.R.P.O.S.E.**

Passions

Reoccurring Experiences

Overriding Motivations

Extra Resources

Underlying (Core) Values

Personality / Temperament

Spiritual Gifts

### 4. God Uses Your Passions To Move You Toward Your Purpose

- a) God Created Your Core Passions - Psalm 139:13, NIV - *For You created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.*
- b) God Stirs Up Your Core Passions, So That You Will Fulfill Your Purpose - Philippians 2:13, NIV – “... *it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.*”

## UNDERSTANDING THE KINGDOM CONCEPT OF “VALUE”

### 1. The Kingdom Is Like Searching For And Receiving Something Of Great Value

Matthew 13:45-46, NIV – “(45) *Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. (46) *When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.*”*

- a) The Merchant Was Focused On A Specific Treasure
- b) The Merchant Was Discerning Of True Value
- c) The Merchant Was Committed To Pay The Price
- d) The Merchant Was Patient

- God wants us to start to value the things He values, and to discover the values He has put within us.

## 2. The Kingdom Is Like A Treasure Hidden In A Field

Matthew 13:44, NIV – “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.”

- a) The Man Knew Where To Look.
- b) The Man Could Recognize True Treasure.
- c) The Man Knew That The Specific Field Increased The Value Of The Treasure.

## 3. There Is A Treasure In Us To Be Discovered

- a) We Are God’s Field

1 Corinthians 3:9, NIV – “For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field ....”

- b) There Is A Treasure In Our Field

2 Corinthians 4:7, NIV – “But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.”

## 3. How Do We Recognize The Treasure? ... It Has Our Heart (Passion)

Matthew 6:21, NIV – “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

- The things that God truly wants us to “treasure” or value, tend to grip our heart

## UNDERLYING (CORE) VALUES DEFINED

- A core value is a driving desire or priority, that God has placed inside of us to help us to know where to aim our life at.
- If we choose to follow God, they will become the driving force of our life.
- If we identify and pursue our God-given values, we’ll unleash our potential and set ourself up for fulfillment and success, because only when what’s inside (our core values) lines up with what’s outside, can we hope to accomplish what God has called us to do.

## EXAMPLES OF THINGS THAT WE SHOULD ALL VALUE

1. **Faith** - Hebrews 4:2, NIV – “For we also have had the gospel preached to us, just as they did; but the message they heard was of no value to them, because those who heard did not combine it with faith.”
2. **Love** - Galatians 5:6, NIV – “For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts [has value] is faith expressing itself through love.”
3. **Godliness** - 1 Timothy 4:8, NIV – “For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.”

## EXAMPLES OF UNDERLYING (CORE) VALUES

1. **Abraham – Reward From God** - Hebrews 11:26, NIV – “He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward.”
2. **King David – Intimacy With God** - Psalm 27:4, NIV – One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.
3. **King Solomon – Wisdom And Understanding** - Proverbs 4:5-7, NIV – Get wisdom, get understanding; do not forget my words or swerve from them. Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you. Wisdom is supreme; therefore get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding.
4. **Mother Teresa – Compassion For The Poor**
5. **Billy Graham – Spreading The Gospel**
6. **John Arnott – Experiencing The Father’s Love And Giving It Away**