

What Is He Worth?

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Not infrequently one hears the query, “Wonder what he is worth?” by which the questioner is asking how much money does he have, how much property, what is the size of his holdings. If a man has a large bank account, lives in a beautiful home in a restricted residential district, drives an expensive car, takes long and costly trips to the far reaches of the world, and in many similar ways evidences wealth, we think of him as being worth a lot. Actually he may be next to worthless.

If he lacks character, integrity, and is devoid of spiritual life he isn't worth much to himself or to anyone else. If what he has gained was by dishonest practices and outright chicanery, what he has is ill-gotten, and he has sold himself for a mess of pottage. Many a man who does not own the house in which he lives, seldom takes a trip, owns very little of anything, lives in a not-too-prosperous neighborhood, is worth everything because he has a sterling character, lives with God, is a man of integrity.

The worth of a man is not determined by the amount of worldly possessions he has or has not, whether he travels or stays at home. His worth depends entirely on what he is, his relationship to other men, and to God, what he does with his time, his abilities, and his opportunities. What he is determines **what he is worth**.

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