

## **VALUE PAK: What Makes A Really Sweet Christian?**

What are the VALUES in the VALUE-PACK?

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| 1. Honesty        | 4. Forgiveness |
| 2. Responsibility | 5. Respect     |
| 3. Self Control   | 6. NO Gossip   |

Let's summarize them and fit them all together!

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- I. An Overview of the Values:
  - a. Honesty: Being truthful and open with who we really are.
  - b. Responsibility: Owning up to your actions.
  - c. Self-Control: Making sure you're not controlled easily by things of this world.
  - d. Forgiveness: Being gracious towards those who have wronged you.
  - e. Respect: Putting others above yourselves.
  - f. No Gossip: Watching our mouths and letting our speech be edifying!
- II. Why should we have those values?
  - a. Scripture: II Corinthians 3: 2-3
    - i. This is about witness! Witness is not just preaching the Gospel. It is letting the world get a glimpse of Jesus through how we live our lives *as an outpouring of our faith*.
    - ii. This is something that we don't FORCE out of ourselves (think of Pastor Green's Apple-Growing demonstration). It is something that is NATURAL—something that's just natural for a Christian.
- III. Jesus Makes Value Pak Valuable!
  - a. Every value is something we definitely can improve on our own efforts, but only Jesus makes it redeeming.
- IV. Introducing the next Series: Where do I apply all these values?
  - a. Our Families : Are you being a good witness to your family members?
  - b. Our Friends : Do your friends see you as having those values?
  - c. Our Schools : Do your teachers and classmates find you a pleasant person to be with?
  - d. Our Church : Are you pleasant towards our pastors? Each other?
  - e. Our Communities : Are you a light/salt in the places you live?
  - f. Our World : Can YOU be an effective agent of positive change in the world we live in?
- V. Journal Time
  - a. Which of the values do I have? Give an example of one time you exercised those values.
  - b. Which of the values do I not have?
  - c. What should you do next to improve on the values you don't have?

## Game: An Evening At Sotheby's

We'll be playing a game, and it won't be the Blame Game. It'll be a game that involves trading. Being an economics student, this is something that's obviously near and dear to my mind. Here's how it works.

What we're going to do is to pretend we're at Sotheby's or Christie's (auction houses) and people will bid on various items. We'll follow auction house rules. When the item is open for bidding, we people will raise their journals if they want to raise the bid by 100 Tzeng Dollars. The item can only be open for bidding for 30 seconds maximum!

Here's how to win:

Let  $X$  = monetary value of the things that a team won (in US dollars!)

Let  $Y$  = monetary value of the Tzeng Dollars they have left. 1 Tz = \$5.00! **No artificially inflating the currency!**

Let  $Z = X + Y$

Whichever team has the higher  $Z$  wins!

**Purpose of Game:** We want to later go over a few of the expensive items and ask why people bid so high for them. One of the things in economic theory is the idea of utility. Roughly translated, utility is the well-being an individual obtains from either doing something or having something. We want to conclude that having a good values ADDS to God's Kingdom, just as having precious things economically adds to our utility (but not necessarily our spirituality).

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