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What's Really Important?
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How many times do we hear the word 'precious'?

One can hear the word precious referring to a newborn baby, clothes, a relationship, a saying and a host of other things.

Have you thought about what the Lord God considers precious? The psalmist gives indication of what's precious to our Lord in Psalm 116:15. The scripture declares, "Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His godly ones."

From man's perspective, death is an enemy. From God's perspective, the death of His godly ones is considered precious.

How can one see the death of a godly person from God's perspective? When a committed Christian dies, the Lord greets the person on the other side of the grave. We find in the scripture that "to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord." When one can see a death of a believer from God's perspective, one could see into heaven and see the person free from any further suffering, sorrow, sickness or separation.

It seems like only a few months ago, my family was traveling to another state to attend the funeral of my father-in-law. He was a godly man who lived out his commitment to the Lord over a long life. No, he wasn't a perfect man but he sought to live out his faith. His final weeks were filled with suffering and sickness but confident of his future home in heaven. Now he is experiencing heaven!

Our Lord gave His life so we could be viewed as precious in His sight. It literally cost the life of Jesus in order to provide a way for us to know Him.

As faithful stewards, we should live and die with a desire to give Him pleasure!

SCRIPTURES

Psalm 116:15