



Value

A well known speaker started off his seminar by holding up a \$20 bill. In the room of 200, he asked, “Who would like this \$20 bill?” Hands immediately started going up.

He said, “I am going to give this \$20 to one of you but first, let me do this.” He proceeded to crumple the dollar bill up. He then asked, “Who still wants it?” Still the hands went up in the air.

“Well,” he replied. “What if I do this?” He dropped it on the ground and started to grind it into the floor with his shoe. He picked it up, now all crumpled and dirty. “Now, who still wants it?” Still the hands went into the air.

“My friends, you have all learned a valuable lesson. No matter what I did to the money, you still wanted it because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth \$20. Many times in our lives, we are dropped, crumpled, and ground into the dirt by the decisions we make and the circumstances that come our way.

We feel as though we are worthless. But no matter what has happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value.

You are special – Don’t ever forget it!

Moral

Too often in life we think our value is determined by our successes and diminished by our defeats or failures. Because of that, we fear failure and decide not to do things that stretch us and make us grow. Once we realize that our value is based on who we are not what we do, we become free to try new things, fail, grow, and experience all that life has to offer.

Questions

- 1. Where does your value come from?**
- 2. Is there anything that can take away from that value?**
- 3. What do you value in people?**
- 4. Do you fear failure?**
- 5. What is one thing you would try if you knew you couldn't fail?**