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“Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me.”  
(Matt. 18:5)

# Reflecting God's Value in our Relationships





# The Devalued

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- The young
- Unpopular
  - EX: Zacchaeus
- The inferior
- The sinners
  - EX: Sinful woman in the house of Simon the Pharisee
  - “This Man, if He were a prophet, would know who and what manner of woman this is who is touching Him, for she is a sinner.” (Lk. 7:39)







# The Devalued

- The foreigner
  - EX: The Samaritans
- The disabled





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## Signs

1. Gossip or slander
2. Feeling Superior
3. Encourage sinful behavior
4. Exploitation
5. Neglect
6. Lack of Compassion and Mercy






## How can I reflect God's value in all my relationships?

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- Fear the Lord
  - "Blessed is every one who fears the Lord."
- Desire to please and serve Christ and not people
  - "For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ." (Gal. 1:10)
  - "Afterward I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia. 22 And I was unknown by face to the churches of Judea which were in Christ. 23 But they were hearing only, "He who formerly persecuted us now preaches the faith which he once tried to destroy." 24 And they glorified God in me." (Gal. 1:21-24)



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- **Humility**

- “Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.” (Matt. 18:4)

# Conclusion

- It is important to learn to value others as God values them
  - Consider the mill stone
- We have greater access to the Father
- “Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven.”  
(Matt. 18:10)