


OUR VALUE SYSTEMS

- We all have one
- What is a value system?



VALUE SYSTEM DEFINED


How we place values (emphasis & importance) on various things

- Not always deliberate or intentional
- Not always set by what we say or orally teach
- Not always set by what hear in class or sermon
- Subtle
- Unintentional setting of values by decisions made
- May set a value that we would never say to or teach our children – but instill it anyway

How It Works

	<p>Never Teach</p> <p>Disobeying parents is acceptable</p>	<p>What We Do</p> <p>Threaten to spank, but seldom carry through</p>	<p>Value Set</p> <p>Threat means nothing “I can do what I want – don’t have to obey”</p>
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HOW IT WORKS



	<p>Never Teach</p> <p>Money is more important than serving God</p>	<p>What We Do</p> <p>Miss services to work overtime to buy some extras</p>	<p>Value Set</p> <p>Money & Material things are more important than serving God</p>
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WHO IS AFFECTED?

- Self - *(By wrong choices)*
- Children - *(Their values – set)*
- Others – *(Learn from your actions)*

Don't Be Surprised When Your Children Follow the Value System Set For Them!


Sometimes We Send a Different Signal Than We Intended!

- Woman who wanted her three boys to become preachers...
- Couldn't understand why all three became "coaches" instead




CONVERSATION AROUND KITCHEN TABLE—ABOUT SPORTS

Went to all Games	Encouraged to play	Husband Official	Many Team Jerseys
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OUR VALUE SYSTEMS

- I. The Power of Value Systems




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I. THE POWER OF VALUE SYSTEMS

- A. Led family to the Lord **(1 Peter 3:1-6)**
- B. Influence others to do wrong **(Galatians 2:11-14)**
- C. Others read & learn **(2 Corinthians 3:2-3)**
- D. Children become just like parents – even go farther **(Ezekiel 16:44; Proverbs 20:7)**
- E. Like leaven – silent force **(1 Corinthians 5:6; Matthew 13:33)**

"Actions speak louder than words"




OUR VALUE SYSTEMS


- I. The Power of Value Systems
- II. The Settings of the Value Systems

II. The Setting of Value Systems

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- Taught in Bible Class
- Taught in Sermons
- Sit down and teach
- Tell them is right






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II. THE SETTING OF VALUE SYSTEMS

- A. **Example We Set (1 Timothy 4:12)**
 - Despite what we may say
 - Someone is watching you
- B. **Decisions We Make (Proverbs 12:26)**
 - About career, school, friends
 - For self, our children
- C. **Things We Allow (Judges 14)**
 - May not approve—even say it is wrong
 - Allow children to do
 - What we allow: miss, go, see



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- III. The Identity of Value Systems

VALUE **III. THE IDENTITY OF VALUE SYSTEMS**

- A. Missing services




MISSING SERVICES

Never Teach	What We Do	Value Set
Some things are more important Can miss a lot Heb. 10:25 Matt. 6:33	Miss for every ache Miss when tired Miss when conflict...	Can miss for about anything Missing is not a big deal

VALUE **III. THE IDENTITY OF VALUE SYSTEMS**

- A. Missing services
- B. Sin




SIN

Never Teach	What We Do	Value Set
Cursing Okay Watching Nudity Fine Rom. 1:32 Prov. 4:23	Allow TV Allow see PG-13 R	Cursing is not a big deal Can tolerate sin World will not affect me

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VALUE **III. THE IDENTITY OF VALUE SYSTEMS**

- A. Missing services
- B. Sin
- C. Bible study




BIBLE STUDY

Never Teach	What We Do	Value Set
Bible is unimportant Don't need to read or study Eph. 6:1-4 2 Pet. 3:18	Don't study Don't check to see if children have lesson Not seen reading	Knowledge is not a necessity Bible class is not important

VALUE **III. THE IDENTITY OF VALUE SYSTEMS**

- A. Missing services
- B. Sin
- C. Bible study
- D. Priorities

PRIORITIES




Never Teach	What We Do	Value Set
School Job Money is more important than serving Lord Luke 14:33	Hardly miss school, but miss class & worship Allow a job and miss worship Homework –but not Bible Class Miss for Game	• School • Job • Sports • Money More Important

VALUE **III. THE IDENTITY OF VALUE SYSTEMS**

- A. Missing services
- B. Sin
- C. Bible study
- D. Priorities
- E. Associations

ASSOCIATIONS




Never Teach	What We Do	Value Set
Non-Christian friends are better Being with other Christians is no value 1 Cor. 15:33	Hardly associate outside assembly Allow & encourage friends of world	Associating with Christians is not important No real value is being with Christians No harm in worldly


VALUE **III. THE IDENTITY OF VALUE SYSTEMS**

- A. Missing services
- B. Sin
- C. Bible study
- D. Priorities
- E. Associations
- F. Home/ Family

HOME & FAMILY




Never Teach	What We Do	Value Set
Defy Parents Some things are more important than family Marry anyone Prov. 22:6	Encourage sneaking – or “don’t tell your dad” Little time – Busy Allow dating non-Christian	Okay to disobey Okay to neglect family Makes no difference who I marry



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CONCLUSION:



- Set a value system consistent with what you want to teach!