

Lesson from a £20 Note

A Couple Of Quizzes & Food For Thought

A well-known speaker started off his seminar by holding up a £20 note. In the room of 200, he asked, "Who would like this £20 note?"



Hands 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 note.

He then asked, "Who still wants it?" Still the hands were up in the air.

"Well," he replied, "what if I do this?" And he dropped it on the ground and started to grind it into the floor with his shoe. He picked it up, now crumpled and dirty. "Now who still wants it?"

Still the hands went into the air. "My friends, you have all learned a very 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 ever happen, you will never lose your value in God's eyes. To Him, dirty or clean, crumpled or finely creased, you are still priceless to Him.



Psalm 17:8 tells us God will keep us, "as the apple of His eye."



First quiz:

- ◆ Name the five wealthiest people in the world.
- ◆ Name the last five Heisman trophy winners.
- ◆ Name the last five winners of the Miss America contest.
- ◆ Name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer prize.
- ◆ Name the last half dozen Academy Award winners for best actor and actress.
- ◆ Name the last decade's worth of World Series winners.

How did you do? The point is, none of us remember the headliners of yesterday. These are no second-rate achievers. They are the best in their fields. But the applause dies. Awards tarnish. Achievements are forgotten. Accolades and certificates are buried with their owners.

Here's the other quiz:

- ◆ List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.
- ◆ Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.
- ◆ Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile.
- ◆ Think of a few people who have made you feel appreciated and special.
- ◆ Think of five people you enjoy spending time with.
- ◆ Name half a dozen heroes whose stories have inspired you.

Is this quiz easier?

The Lesson. The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money, or the most awards. They are the ones that care.

A little girl became restless as the preacher's sermon dragged on and on. Finally, she leaned over to her mother and whispered, "Mommy, if we give him the money now, will he let us go?"

A Sunday School teacher challenged her children to take some time on Sunday afternoon to write a letter to God. They were to bring their letter back the following Sunday. One little boy wrote, "Dear God, We had a good time at church today. Wish you could have been there."