



## Meaning of Life - What's Your Worth?

Two things sadden me about what my mom thinks about "life" because of her job: 1. All things must be done now and quickly, 2. Your worth, *what makes you valuable*, is whether you are able to contribute by some function that is regarded as valuable, by those around you. She might say, "you are valuable if you aren't a burden to those around you."

You may know someone who doesn't want to continue to live if they become a burden: if he/she is old and unable to hear, see, do things for himself/herself. It makes me wonder if that isn't a reason why my mom is losing her eyesight so early. Maybe God wants her to learn her real worth.

### Promises, Promises

A baby holds promise. We value that promise, but, it is only that: a hope; a desire that is possibly contained in the future.

What does our infant do for us right now? We clean her, we feed her, we shelter her, we clothe her. We entertain her. We comfort her. We train her. She earns nothing for herself. She doesn't yet contribute anything but debt, sleepless nights, painful sounds for all ears in the home and painful breasts for her mother, while she is still an infant. She doesn't smile back until she's at least two months or so. She poops and vomits and urinates on us and offers no comfort nor apology, yet. Her life up to that point is only a promise. So what is her value? Will my mom lose her value, her worth, the day she becomes more like an infant?

Yet, we love our babies (even those of us who don't get mushy over them). God loves us with the same Unconditional Love. He loves us not because of what we can do or what we will do. He loves us simply as we are, enough to die for us on the cross. He made us,

created us in His Love, to be loved and to love others. He restores us to a sinless state. He cleans us, feeds us, and teaches us to walk.

What can babies actually do for us in the early part of their lives? Not much. And, yet, we think ourselves of being so worthy of everything good whether we are followers of Christ or not. Why? Because **God considers us to be worthy of blessings, including the death of His own on the cross, and descension to earth and to hell, so that we could be Loved and love Him and others in return.** He also offers us His Holy Presence that abides in us (doesn't leave us) when we submit to His Authority and ask forgiveness for our sins (anything we do or think that separates us from God).

**Read some verses where God tells you how much you are loved, worth, and valued by Him.** Matthew 6:26; 10:31; 12:12; Luke 12:7-24; Psalm 139:13-14; Job 10:11-12; Genesis 1:26-27; 5:1-2; John 16:27; Romans 1:7; Deuteronomy 23:5; Galatians 2:20; Ephesians 2:4; Ephesians 5:2; 1 Thessalonians 1:4; 2 Thessalonians 2:16; 1 John 4:10-11; John 3:16.

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