



MUSTARD SEED LEADERSHIP PODCAST

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#7: The Value of the Leader

8 Part series designed to smash the limitations a poverty mentality places on a leader

Catch up:

1. A **POVERTY SPIRIT** or **poverty mentality** is a limiting way of thinking built on a spirit of lack, defeat, neglect of helplessness.
2. A Poverty Mentality is a **Gospel issue** - when the Gospel doesn't connect people to their Heavenly Father they are left trying to earn value from the world instead of receiving it from the Father.
3. Valuable people live valuable lives and add value to others. People who don't know their value shrink their lives to their low sense of value while desperately trying to earn value from the world.
4. The Father reveals your value through the way you were made
5. The Father reveals your value through what Jesus said
6. Your Father reveals your value through the price He paid to get you back

#7: The Father reveals your value through adopting you into his family

ILLUST: Father had two sons - one biologically and one adopted

- But they didn't know this
- One day they discovered the truth and went to their father to ask which of them is his biological son and which is adopted
- After carefully looking at them both, the Father shook his head and confessed that he couldn't remember
- This is the heart of an adopting father!

John 1:12-13 (NIV)

12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God — 13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

Testimony: Jody - part of our family for 10 years

- When someone is part of your home, the relationship is different!
- She grew from a guest to a family member
- Eg. True children don't act like guests in the home! They act like they own the home!

NB: You might know this legally - but has it become revelation?

Luke 15:28-31 (NIV)

28 "The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. 29 But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. 30 But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!' 31 "'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours.

The younger son was naughty and immature

- But had a good revelation of the Father's heart
- He knew he could go back to his father and find mercy
- It was faith in the goodness of his father that saved him

But note the heart of the older brother

- He was a model child - straight A's, never in trouble, super hard worker
- But his identity was in his morality and not his father's love
- He had 'earned' his value through performance and success
- His words, '*slaving for you*', '*you never gave me*' - reveals his poverty mentality.
- He didn't know his value to the Father

BIG IDEA: Knowing your value to the Father, rescues us from a performance mentality and brings us into the freedom of sonship

QUESTIONS:

1. Take a moment to compare the way a guest would act in a home to a child. Which are you more like in your Father's house?
2. Consider the two brothers in the parable above. Don't focus on their conduct, focus on their revelation of their father. Who are you more like?
3. How should a true revelation of the value of being adopted into the Father's house change the way a Christian lives?