



MUSTARD SEED LEADERSHIP PODCAST

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#8: 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

#8: The Father reveals you value through the environment He has placed you in

ILLUST: Buying a coffee - how much does a cappuccino cost? Depends...

- At our church - free
- Restaurant - R35
- Dubai airport- R124!

What's the difference?

- Quality is the same
- Environment is different

BIG IDEA: Environment determines value

QUESTION: What is your primary environment?

- If it is the world then your value is set by the world and is performance based
 - achievement
 - wealth
 - status
- If it is Kingdom then it is set by your Father and given as a gift!

Philippians 3:20 (NIV)

20 But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ

ILLUST: I have not just a South African passport but an Irish one as well

- Being a citizen of Ireland is so valuable because it enables me to easily enter countries which are much more difficult than on the South African passport
- Citizenship comes with privileges based on the country

Acts 22:25-29 (NIV)

25 As they stretched him out to flog him, Paul said to the centurion standing there, “Is it legal for you to flog a Roman citizen who hasn't even been found guilty?”

26 When the centurion heard this, he went to the commander and reported it. “What are you going to do?” he asked. “This man is a Roman citizen.”

27 The commander went to Paul and asked, “Tell me, are you a Roman citizen?”

“Yes, I am,” he answered.

28 Then the commander said, “I had to pay a lot of money for my citizenship.”

“But I was born a citizen,” Paul replied.

29 Those who were about to interrogate him withdrew immediately. The commander himself was alarmed when he realized that he had put Paul, a Roman citizen, in chains.

If this is the value Paul understood about being a Roman citizen

- Then how much more when he wrote about being a citizen of heaven!

BIG IDEA: Environment or citizenship determines value

QUESTIONS:

1. How did Paul’s example of being a Roman citizen impact on his sense of value?
2. How should the revelation of our heavenly citizenship impact on our sense of value?
3. What is your big take away from this Value series? How should this impact the way you live?