

WHO'S YOUR ULTIMATE AUTHORITY

John 8:31-32

Series: "What you'll need in 2016 to Succeed"

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Intro

*We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are **endowed by their Creator** with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, --That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.*

WHO GETS TO DETERMINE my values?

Three folders –

- **Number one** is, Things God wants me to do.
- **Number two** is, Things people want me to do.
- **Third** is, Things I want to do.

We will look at them in reverse order-----

1). The first Folder—is _____ . (The “things I want” folder)

Jeremiah 17:9 (GW) *“The human mind is the most **deceitful** of all things! It is incurable. No one can understand how deceitful it really is!”*

Proverb 16:25 *“There is a way that SEEMS right to humans, but in the end it leads to death.”*
“Trust in the Lord with all you heart and lean not on your own understanding.”

2). The second folder-- is the _____ . (The “other people” folder)

1 John 2:15-16 *“Don't love what the world offers and values; Those who love the world don't have the Father's love in them. For what the world values –physical gratification, greed, and prideful, self-centered lifestyles – does not come from God our Father.”*

The world's values.

- Looking good.**
- Feeling good.**
- Having the goods.**

3). The third folder--- is _____, particularly _____. (The “Things God wants me to do” folder)

John 8:31-32 *“If you continue in my Word... you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free!”*

What does God's Word say about the values of the World?

- 1). **appearance and beauty**---1 Samuel 16:7 “The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”
- 2). **Pleasure**----Hebrews 11:25 “...The pleasures of sin only last for a short time.”
- 3). **wealth, materialism**--Luke 12:15 “Real life is not measured by how much we own.”

How will the right choice affect our lives differently----?

- 1. Might mean changing what I _____ and what I _____.**
Psalm 119:37 “Turn my eyes away from worthless things...”
- 2. Might mean I need to change some _____.**
1 Corinthians 15:33 “Do not be misled: Bad company corrupts good character.”
Exodus 23:2 “Do not follow the crowd in doing wrong.”
- 3. Might mean I need to changing how I spend my _____.**
Matthew 6:19-20 “Don't store up treasures here on earth where they can erode away or may be stolen. Store them in heaven where they will never lose their value!”
- 4. Might mean I have to change how I _____ other people.**
2 Corinthians 5:16 “So from now on, we regard no one from a worldly point of view.”

Philippians 4:13 “I can do everything God asks me to with the help of Christ who gives me the strength and power.”

Jim Elliot said, “He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep for that which he cannot lose.”