

# Resolving Temporal Value Problems

**Many people focus on the temporal rather than the eternal.**

Temporal values = placing higher value on possessions, position, power, pleasures or personal goals than on relationships with God and others.

The focus is usually on “my rights, my needs, and my goals” to the extent that there is little sympathy/concern for the emotional needs of others.

ILL: Luke 10:38-42

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**Focusing on temporal values causes us to lose sight of what is important.**

Matthew 6:24

Matthew 6:19-21

**There are many specific consequences of temporal value problems mentioned in Scripture.**

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## **Biblical consequences of temporal values:**

1. Problems in one's home (Prov. 15:27)
2. Difficulty responding to the Word (Matt. 13:22)
3. Additional temptations (1 Timothy 6:9)
4. Sense of being trapped (1 Timothy 6:9)
5. Destructive desires/lusts (1 Timothy 6:9)
6. Personal loss (1 Timothy 6:9)
7. Many sorrows (1 Timothy 6:10)
8. Take advantage of others (Micah 2:2)

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In order to resolve those problems we need to realign our values with Biblical values.

Philippians 3:7-8; 1:21

Colossians 3:1-7

1 John 2:15-16

2 Cor. 5:6-10

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**Step # 1 - Determine what things we have placed before our relationship with God and with others.**

- Job/work/career
- Money
- Possessions/things
- Prestige
- Position
- Recreational activities/sports/hobbies
- Excessive focus on entertainment
- TV/video games/computers
- Personal goals
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

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**Step # 2 – Acknowledge that we have placed other things above the Lord and those who are close to us and pray to resolve each issue.**

“Lord, I acknowledge that I have placed a higher value on \_\_\_\_\_ to the neglect of my relationship with You and others. I ask Your forgiveness and I make a commitment to value my relationship with You and others above

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**Step # 3 – Ask the Lord to show you how to work out your new priorities on a daily basis.**