



Significance vs Irrelevance

Sermon Outline
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Balancing One of
Life's Most
Challenging Tensions
Psalm 8:1-9

Ecclesiastes 5:18 - This is what I have observed to be good: that it is appropriate for a person to eat, to drink and to find satisfaction in their toilsome labor under the sun during the few days of life God has given them—for this is their lot.

An inescapable tension:

* **Your _____ significance.**

1. Created in the _____ of God.

Genesis 1:27 - So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

2. Uniquely _____ by God Himself.

Psalm 139:13 - For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

3. Of greater value to God than _____ else created.

Luke 12:6-7 - Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

4. Created with specifically unique _____ to be accomplished.

Ephesians 2:10 - For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

* **But while each of us is _____ we are also _____.**

* **Your _____ irrelevance.**

1. A life that is undeniably _____.

Psalm 90:10 - Our days may come to seventy years, or eighty, if our strength endures; yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away.

2. A life that appears to be of little _____.

James 4:14 - Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.

3. A life that lacks the ability to personally _____ your own eternity.

Ephesians 2:8-9 - For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

*** The danger of imbalance:**

_____ or _____

Proverbs 11:2a - When pride comes, then comes disgrace...

Psalm 22:6a - But I am a worm and not a man...

** Seeing yourself as worthless will make your life worth less.*

The solution: pay attention to the _____.

Romans 12:3 - For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.

* **Keep a healthy balance to avoid becoming big _____ OR down _____.**

** Graciously acknowledge your significance AND your irrelevance, and then live in such a way that you leave the world a little _____ than you found it, by loving God and loving people.*