

The Force of Valuable Habits

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Habits **shape us...** so be careful how we **"habituate"**.

FORCE

- A. Much of what we do is <u>BECAUSE of Habit</u> NOT because we've actually <u>decided</u> to do, much less <u>BE</u>.
- B. Habit's have FORCE to shape... so let's get busy!

...and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth. Ephesians 4:24

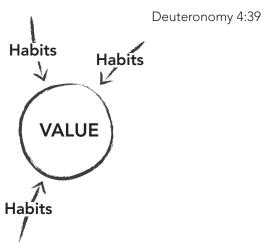
*** Remember: practice makes perfect... NO! Permanent!

BIG POINT: Center our habits on around <u>VALUES</u>, not <u>goals</u>.

"You shall have no other gods before Me."

Exodus 20:3

"Know therefore today, and take it to your heart, that the LORD, He is God in heaven above and on the earth below; there is no other."



GOD

O God, You are my God; I shall seek You earnestly; My soul thirsts for You, my flesh yearns for You, In a dry and weary land where there is no water.

Psalm 63:1

...that I may know Him...

Philippians 3:10

...and though you have not seen Him, you love Him...

1 Peter 1:8

LOVE

GRACE

The "well of course" problem: Make intentional what is most valuable (instead of <u>assuming</u> or <u>presuming</u>).

"But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."

Matthew 6:33

- We choose to live out this value because it is <u>VALUE*ABLE</u>... we <u>perceive value</u> (Faith that He is <u>good</u>, <u>satisfying</u>, <u>FOR</u> me, we <u>TRUST</u> Him!)
- This is the **core** of what it **means** to be US...

SUGGESTED STEPS TO GET STARTED

- 1. **l.D**. a habit.
- 2. Evaluate a habit.
- 3. Try a new Ultimate Value Habit this week.

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