

**Family Values: Don't Leave Home Without 'Em
"Whose Values Anyway?"
Selected Scripture**

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Values are

- what I consider important b e l i e f s
- what I am c o m m i t t e d to in my life
- my m o r a l compass

Values inspire:

- C o m m i t m e n t which produces C h a r a c t e r which affects B e h a v i o r which results in a L i f e s t y l e

Essentially, we have t h r e e s o u r c e s for forming values:

- **My o w n, autonomous decisions**
 - *Example:* Cain (Genesis 4:1-15)
 - *Result:* I value my "r i g h t s" over my r e s p o n s i b i l i t i e s.
- **The viewpoints of o t h e r s** (society, education, media, politics, peers, etc.)
 - *Example:* The Jewish Remnant in Jerusalem (Neh 13:23-27)
 - *Result:* My v a l u e s are determined by my b e h a v i o r rather than my b e h a v i o r being determined by my v a l u e s.
- **The S o v e r e i g n L o r d**
 - *Example:* Joseph (Genesis 39:2-10)
 - *Result:* My values impel me to do the r i g h t t h i n g in spite of the potential c o n s e q u e n c e s or b e n e f i t s.
Personal c h a r a c t e r is more important than personal p r e f e r e n c e

My Personal E-VALUE-ation:

What are three of my highest – held values?

Would others say that I am characterized by any of them? Why or why not?