

What are you worth?

According to Forbes...

1. Jeff Bezos - \$105 billion amazon
2. Warren buffet 75 bill
3. Bill gates 86 bill microsoft
4. Mark zuckerburg 56 bill facebook
5. Charles and david Koch 48 bill each
6. 3 walton kids, Jim, Rob and Alice 46 bill walmart

Paper currency = current value, am I out dated?

Physical condition = bent, torn, circulated

To **Grade** paper currency = Good 4 = A very heavily circulated note with numerous problems. It is totally limp with impaired visual appeal. Notes in this grade are commonly seen with pieces missing.

Up to 70 = superb gem uncirculated - The highest grade assigned. Notes must have no evidence of handling visible at 5x magnification. The margins and registration must appear centered to the unaided eye.

Labeled = Japanese yen, south African rand, Mexican pesos, Rupee, Dinar, Lira, Riyal, pound, mark, shilling, or the dollar?

Labels get psychologically sewn on us as children and can be haunting. Right or wrong, it's just the way it is. These labels tend to stay with us as we grow to adults. Learning how to overcome them is key to growing in the spirit of God.

Consider these labels: Clumsy, Awkward, Slow Learner, Bookworm, Shy, Wallflower, Daydreamer, Trouble Maker, Hyper-Active, Attention Deficit Disorder, Just Not Good With _____ (*fill in the blank: math; spelling; sports; social skills; etc.*).

Does any of the above sound familiar to you?

Consider these examples of some famous people who overcame their labels:

- 1) Clint Eastwood was told by an executive at Universal Studios that he “had no future as an actor” because he had a chipped tooth, an Adams apple that was too prominent and he talked too slow.
- 2) Best-selling, millionaire author Scott Turow got an “F” in his High School English class.
- 3) Joe Louis, in his first fight, was knocked down six times in three rounds and labeled by one sportswriter as a “doormat with no future”.
- 4) Charles Shultz, creator of “Peanuts”, was turned down for a job as a cartoonist at the Disney studios and told he “lacked talent”.

The world can be a cruel place but yet all these people overcame their shortcomings and failures. They chose to ignore or cast off their labels and rise to greatness thus proving all their nay sayers wrong. If they can do it, so can you.

How many of your thoughts, attitudes, likes, dislikes, [fears](#), ideas and behaviors that have been firmly rooted in your "programming" since childhood have you ever challenged or even re-considered?

If you are not achieving the results you want out of life, it may very well be that these "restrictions" that were set in the past are getting in your way;

When you [increase your believing](#) in what you are capable of, you increase your soul. When your soul prospers, then your health and your prosperity in other aspects of your life must also increase.

Labels can be used for positive reinforcement.

Consider some of the labels God has sewn upon us:

- Son of God (Rom 8:14)
 - Prophet (1 Cor 12:10)
 - Ambassador for Christ (2 Cor 5:20)
 - Worker of Miracles (1 Cor 12:10)
 - Super Conqueror (Rom 8:37)
 - Future Judge of Angels (1 Cor 6:3)
- ...and many more.*

Valued = the regard that something is held to deserve; the importance, worth, or usefulness of something.

a person's principles or standards of behavior; one's judgment of what is important in life.

To evaluate, assess, estimate, appraise, price,

(Slide show of paper money)

The Song Dynasty in China was the first to issue *paper money*, around the 10th century AD. Known as “FIAT” the notes were valued at a *certain* exchange rate for gold, silver, or silk,

The vast majority of the people do not understand how money works. They believe that it is backed by gold or silver and that is what gives the money its value. In reality money has not been backed by anything since 1971 when then President Richard Nixon announced that the U.S. Dollar would no longer be redeemable for gold. Prior to that point, particularly before 1933 the dollar was redeemable for gold. Now what we have is a fiat currency, which is money, backed by absolutely nothing.

Originally paper money was used as a receipt for gold. People used to take their gold to the goldsmiths for safekeeping in their vaults for a fee. The depositor would get a receipt, which allowed them to come back and collect their gold. The goldsmiths soon began to realize the vast majority never came back to reclaim their gold, so they began to loan it out to others for a small fee. However they would loan out many times more gold that they had in their vaults and this brought them large profits; this was the origin of the fractional reserve banking system.

Some of the worst inflation in history has coincided with war, as several of the worthless (or nearly worthless) currencies on this list illustrate. Wars are massively expensive, and one of the fastest ways for a cash-strapped government to pay for one is to fire up the presses and churn out a pile of paper money. However, history's pretty clear that this tactic will get you stabbed in the back with the dull, rusty blade of inflation, and if that stab wound gets infected and turns into hyperinflation – which usually happens – your economy is toast. Which is doubly bad if you end up on the war's losing side.

But there are other times currency became worthless, simply because of ill-advised financial policy, or because people are crazy and will do crazy things, which is why one of the currencies below is literally a living thing. So, ready

to burn through some cash? Great, because here are examples of worthless currency in history – some old, some new, all ultimately useless.

1. Do I appreciate / depreciate over time? (**Jay Lenos garage ***)
2. Who determines my net worth?
3. What can I trade my value or exchange it for?
4. Who owns me, who do I belong to? Who issued / originated / manufactured me? Who do I represent?
5. Where am I ? In my intended place of purpose, am I somewhere that people don't recognize my value?

Slide show of Jay Lenos cars)

*Proof that Jay Leno is one of the most legit car collectors on the planet is his collaboration with GM to create the EcoJet. The car was, in part, inspired by another vehicle on this list, the 1963 Chrysler Turbine. Like its predecessor, the EcoJet uses bio-diesel as opposed to fuel like a standard engine. Leno and one of his garage techs worked together to draw concepts, and then GM came into the picture to help actually produce one of the vehicles. It looks awesome, and this car is literally priceless — **Leno didn't have to buy it, and no one else owns one.***

WHAT ABOUT...

Fake, Forgery, counterfeit

Not genuine, pretends, imitation, reproduction, hoax, fraud.

1 John 1:6 - If we claim that we experience a shared life with him and continue to stumble around in the dark, we're obviously lying through our teeth—we're not *living* what we claim. But if we walk in the light, God himself being the light, we also experience a shared life with one another

2 Peter 2 - But there were also *lying* prophets among the people then, just as there will be lying religious teachers among you. They'll smuggle in destructive divisions, pitting you against each other—biting the hand of the One who gave them a chance to have their lives back! They've put themselves on a fast downhill slide to destruction, but not before they recruit a crowd of mixed-up followers who can't tell right from wrong.

Luke 18 – The hypocrite prayed this - God, I thank You that I am not as other men... The one justified was humble and broken.

Matt 7 (the message) Be wary of false preachers who smile a lot, dripping with practiced sincerity. Chances are they are out to rip you off some way or other. Don't be impressed with charisma; look for character. Who preachers *are* is the main thing, not what they say. A genuine leader will never exploit your emotions or your pocketbook. These diseased trees with their bad apples are going to be chopped down and burned.

²¹⁻²³ “Knowing the correct password—saying ‘Master, Master,’ for instance— isn't going to get you anywhere with me. What is required is serious obedience—*doing* what my Father wills. I can see it now—at the Final Judgment thousands strutting up to me and saying, ‘Master, we preached the Message, we bashed the demons, our God-sponsored projects had everyone talking.’ And do you know what I am going to say? ‘You missed the boat. All you did was use me to make yourselves important. You don't impress me one bit. You're out of here.’

Contributors to your “real” genuine personal value / worth:

Where did you come from? Who created you?

Gen 2:7 - And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

1:27 - So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Jer 1:5 -“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”

Eph 2:10 - ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Is there a Potential for improvement – (increase in value) (Luke 2:52*)

And Jesus matured, growing up in both body and spirit, blessed by both God and people.

“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope” ([Jeremiah 29:11](#))

According to Rev 21 –

Heaven is paved with Gold, gates of pearl, walls with diamonds and gems. That is what God has prepared for those who love Him.

So, if we're going to compare ourselves to diamonds, how much is a diamond worth anyway? In 2013, a nearly 60-carat flawless pink diamond called the "Pink Star" was auctioned by Sotheby's for a whopping \$83.2 million. Bling cha-ching! That made it the most expensive jewel or diamond ever sold at auction. But the most precious diamond, we're told, is the Koh-i-Noor, now part of the British Crown Jewels collection. Experts say this gem cannot be valued — it's calculated to be approximately 3.5 times the wealth of the whole world!

Prov 31 - **A good woman is hard to find, and worth far more than diamonds.** Her husband trusts her without reserve, and never has reason to regret it. Never spiteful, she treats him generously all her life long. She shops around for the best yarns and cottons, and enjoys knitting and sewing. She's like a trading ship that sails to faraway places and brings back exotic surprises. She's up before dawn, preparing breakfast for her family and organizing her day. She looks over a field and buys it, then, with money she's put aside, plants a garden. First thing in the morning, she dresses for work, rolls up her sleeves, eager to get started. She senses the worth of her work, is in no hurry to call it quits for the day. She's skilled in the crafts of home and hearth, diligent in homemaking. She's quick to assist anyone in need, reaches out to help the poor. She doesn't worry about her family when it snows; their winter clothes are all mended and ready to wear. She makes her own clothing, and dresses in colorful linens and silks. Her husband is greatly respected when he deliberates with the city fathers. She designs gowns and sells them, brings the sweaters she knits to the dress shops. Her clothes are well-

made and elegant, and she always faces tomorrow with a smile. When she speaks she has something worthwhile to say, and she always says it kindly. She keeps an eye on everyone in her household, and keeps them all busy and productive. Her children respect and bless her; her husband joins in with words of praise: “Many women have done wonderful things, but you’ve outclassed them all!” Charm can mislead and beauty soon fades. The woman to be admired and praised is the woman who lives in the Fear-of-GOD. Give her everything she deserves!

Isa 43 –

¹⁻⁴ But now, hear GOD’s Message, the God who made you in the first place, Jacob, the One who got you started, Israel:

“Don’t be afraid, I’ve redeemed you. I’ve called your name. You’re mine. When you’re in over your head, I’ll be there with you.

When you’re in rough waters, you will not go down.

When you’re between a rock and a hard place,

it won’t be a dead end— Because I am GOD, your personal God,

The Holy of Israel, your Savior. I paid a huge price for you:

all of Egypt, with rich Cush and Seba thrown in!

***That’s* how much you mean to me! *That’s* how much I love you!**

I’d sell off the whole world to get you back, trade the creation just for you.

WHEN YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE

and WHAT YOU’RE WORTH,

YOU WILL KNOW WHAT TO DO !