

# TOOLBOX FOR LIFE

## Part 2 of 4: Knowing What Matters Most

Ecclesiastes 10:10 (NIV) *If the ax is dull and its edge unsharpened, more*

*strength is needed but SKILL will bring SUCCESS.*

1 Corinthians 6:12 (NIV) *I have the right to do anything, but not everything is beneficial.*

## FOUR QUESTIONS TO EVALUATE YOUR VALUES

1. Who is going to be my \_\_\_\_\_?

Source #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Proverbs 16:25 *There is a way that seems right to humans, but in the end it leads to death.*

Proverbs 3:5 *Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.*

Source #2: The \_\_\_\_\_.

1 John 2:15-16 <sup>15</sup> *Do not love the world or the things in the world. The love of the Father is not in those who love the world; <sup>16</sup> for all that is in the world—the desire of the flesh, the desire of the eyes, the pride in riches—comes not from the Father but from the world.*

Source #3: **God's** \_\_\_\_\_.

John 8:31-32 *If you continue in my Word... you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free!*

2. Will I choose what's \_\_\_\_\_ or what's \_\_\_\_\_?

1 John 2:17 *The world and its desires will pass away, but those*

*who do the will of God will live forever.*

Psalms 119:37 *Turn my eyes away from worthless things..."*

3. Is it worth the \_\_\_\_\_?

Philippians 3:7-8 *I once thought all these things [what the world values] were so very important, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done for me. Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the priceless gain of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I may have Him!*



December 30 –  
January 20

We all need a toolbox of skills to succeed in life and the Bible is filled with wise instructions. Our sincere desire and determination alone is not enough. Many people work hard. But it's not about working hard, it's about working smart. It's about working God's way. Pastor Thom will teach us how to develop skills we need to succeed.

### December 30 Ignoring the Naysayers

In this first message we'll explore 1 Samuel 17:1-52 and learn how to deal with the negative people in our lives through David and the four naysayers he faced before he faced Goliath.

### January 6 Knowing What Matters Most

Together we'll learn to recognize what's important and what's not important by looking at questions that will not only determine our success in our life and work, but will determine our destiny.

### **January 13 Maximizing Your Strengths**

Discover how to maximize your strengths by studying how God has wired you. In this message we will learn the five elements God uses to "SHAPE" our lives.

### **January 20 Learning How to Use Life's Throttle**

Every great accomplishment has an element of timing to it. Pastor Thom will look at the skill of timing, teaching the difference between when to go fast and when to go slow.