

West Valley Church of Christ – February 22, 2026

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Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Devotional: 6:30 p.m.

OUR VALUE SYSTEM SHAPES US

My son came to me with a request when he was around junior high age. He wanted me to buy him some basketball shoes that were soon to be on the shelves in sporting goods stores. I am referring to the kind of basketball shoes that some people, certainly not me, would start standing outside the store the night before to purchase. My son educated me in the famous athlete's designer basketball shoe buying process. They were several hundred dollars many years ago. I said, "No, I will not buy them." He already had perfectly good basketball shoes, with good tread. He said, "If you will not give me the money, how will I be able to buy them?" I said, "You can work and save the money." He wanted to know what he could do to earn money. The father in me went into the speech about how I used to earn money mowing lawns. My son caught on pretty quickly because he said, "Dad, I will have to mow a lot of yards to buy these shoes." Exactly? My son did not value what it was going to cost me to buy his shoes. If he really wanted them and put that much value on having them, he would be willing to work for the money. Our value system shapes how we live and what we do. One person will lie to get a job, while another person tells the truth even when it means losing a job. One person would not take illegal drugs at any price, while another person would steal to take them. Everyone has values. Our value system will determine the choices we make. Faith-filled followers value the Bible, people, prayer, worship, integrity, and eternal matters. A person's values determine whether he will live by faith or by sight (2 Corinthians 5:7).

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