

## “PROFIT STATEMENTS”

### GENESIS 1-3

*The beginning of life reminds us what truly makes life valuable. In contrast to the message which the media paints, there is the unmistakable, unparalleled, unsurpassed master plan which God Himself has established for creation.*

### THE TRUE VALUE OF LIFE

#### ① Image \_\_\_\_\_ (1:26-27)

God shares certain perfections with man:

- \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Peter 1:15-16)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Rom. 3:22; 2 Cor. 5:21)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Eph. 5:2; 1 John 4:7)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 12:21)

To have dominion is to lord over creation.

#### ② Living \_\_\_\_\_ (2:7)

Whether \_\_\_\_\_ God or \_\_\_\_\_ from God, every human being will live forever.

#### ③ \_\_\_\_\_ Worker (2:8, 15-20)

Work is God’s assignment to man and in it, we bring glory to Him and add value to our life.

Work is \_\_\_\_\_.

#### ④ \_\_\_\_\_ Recipient (3:8-21)

God moves toward sinful man because sinful man has no desire for a sinless God (Rom. 3)!

“Where are you?” is an \_\_\_\_\_ for Adam to reach back to God and not run any more.

“Have you eaten from the tree?” opens the door for man to \_\_\_\_\_, to \_\_\_\_\_.

### CONCLUSION

Within these four value statements comes great responsibility for the follower of God.

1. Since man is an image bearer, you must not \_\_\_\_\_ others harshly and critically. Doing so is to \_\_\_\_\_ God Himself.
2. Since man is a living soul, wrap yourself in ministry to others. \_\_\_\_\_ relationships, not portfolios. \_\_\_\_\_ in what eternally matters.
3. Since man is a responsible worker, be fruitful and productive as you \_\_\_\_\_ engage in God-honoring labor. \_\_\_\_\_ the work the Lord has called you to.
4. Since man is a grace recipient, exercise it to others, whether they \_\_\_\_\_ it or not and do so without issuing requirements/expectations.

Life is valuable because God Himself created it. How we live our lives will evidence our outlook on the value of life.