



# 7 Values

## Stewardship

The body cannot function without every part giving their talents, time, and resources willingly for the vision God assigned to Mosaic. God created man in his image, which included his inherent attribute of generosity. The Creator then gave Adam the role of managing (having dominion) over all creation. However, when sin entered the world, man began to view its resources as a means to his own self-centered ends, instead of resources designated for God's purposes.

Jesus enters this contaminated atmosphere of value and profit, and by the example of his own life requires his disciples to radically reverse this selfish world system and align it to God's original design. This reestablishment only happens with pure and complete obedience and commitment to Christ.



Because Christ serves as our head, he instructs all parts of his body to give willingly to one another as we embrace his character as our own. He gives lovingly, sacrificially, and joyfully. God's generosity becomes evident when entering into covenant with him. God the father gave his only son; Jesus the son gave his life; and the Spirit gives us life in Christ Jesus. The body must not rebel against our head government as he leads in giving.

### JOHN 3:16

*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*

The New Testament church saw everything as God's gift to them and lived with a powerful sense of responsibility to share it with everyone in need. Paul preached complete commitment to Christ, and reminded the Philippians that our value and thankfulness should not be based in possessions, but in our relationship to Christ Jesus.

When we accept Christ as our Lord, he becomes Lord of everything: our time, talents, and finances. We see in the example of Ananias and Sapphira the seriousness of withholding even a portion of our lives from God while pretending to give everything for reasons of self-promotion in the body.

Although we may not be able to physically situate our lives in our modern economy exactly like the New Testament church, we can exactly emulate their attitude of giving and embrace the loving heart of God.

### Read:

- ◆ Genesis 1:26
- ◆ Mark 8:34-36
- ◆ John 3:16
- ◆ Acts 4:32
- ◆ Acts 5
- ◆ Philippians 3:13-14



## Worship

Worship happens when our human nature ignites in God's holy presence. Living in this collision of the natural and supernatural becomes a lifestyle of worship. We worship by making purposed decisions based on the consciousness of God's spiritual revelation of truth in the middle of our physical circumstances.

Paul beautifully expresses to the Ephesians that the body experiences true freedom when it positions itself to be the medium through which God expresses his love to the world and the vessel through which he pours out his presence. He reminds the Romans that we bring the most pleasure to God by allowing him access to the every day, natural parts of our lives for him to use supernaturally to fulfill his plans and purposes.

Mosaic encourages each member to worship in spirit and truth. Our human response to God's presence in every area of our lives determines our experience with God and with each other. We see in the book of Acts that both personal and collective aspects of worship permeate our encounter with our creator and Lord. Worship responses vary with personality and style, but all must involve a willful, human reaction.

Acts explains this happens by disciplining our lives to express the reality of God, not the fragility of our circumstances. Worship includes but involves much more than music, instruments and songs.

The acute awareness of God's holy presence requires obedient responses and creative expressions of our human interactions with him. His sacred Spirit cannot be articulated by one worshipper in only one place of worship.

Paul boldly explains to pagan worshippers that their human shrines of brick and mortar cannot contain our God, but instead he offers a tangible reality in which we exist. His vast presence maintains all human life. Our realization of his necessity stirs our spirits to worship him with every breath, every step, and every moment of our lives. When we live in cadence to the rhythm of his heart, we become a symphony of his extravagant love and freedom.

### **JOHN 4:23-24**

***23 True worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. 24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."***

#### **Read:**

- ◆ **John 4:23-24**
- ◆ **Acts 2:46**
- ◆ **Romans**
- ◆ **Ephesians 1**

## Relationship

Mosaic Community promotes and esteems the building of the body by fellowship with each other. Fellowship exemplifies our value of relationships as a necessary attribute for unity in the body. The derivative of "communion" comes from the Greek word for fellowship, "Koinonia". Sharing the Lord's Supper offers a vital and necessary element - reminding the body parts of the common purpose they serve together. Sharing the cup reminds us we share in Jesus' blood, sharing the bread that we share in the body of Christ. As well as formal communion, the body must foster covenant relationships with regular times of fellowship. The

levels of connecting should vary and include everything from eating a meal together to times of prayer together.

Mosaic Community wants to equip people to function with their faith and community as one – not divided areas of their lives. Culture created a definite separation of community and faith. However, the New Testament church proves the Biblical mandate and message of Christ merges, not fragments, the two. In order for this to happen, we must dedicate our lives to continually develop together in the spiritual disciplines of: prayer, study of the word and fasting. Positioning ourselves as Jesus' disciples in these areas creates a teachable and formable attitude. This requires that we remain disciplined in our daily choices.

Although the body lives systematically and organically as one, God offers us freedom to make decisions that we alone can make. When he created us in his image, he gave us his attribute of divine freedom - the ability to determine what shapes our character. God desires that we use our divine freedom to write a creative and elaborate story about him. However, unless we surrender the choices back to him, often we try to make ourselves the main character or hero instead of him. When a



body functions in this way – it becomes disjointed – each part trying to be the most important.

As covenant members of one body, all of our decisions should perpetuate God's vision for Mosaic Community's future. Covenant relationships provide the most accommodating vehicle to transport and infuse God's vision into the community. Because of this, each member should prioritize relationships and responsibilities in order to not live differently inside than outside the church.

Although Mosaic highly esteems every leader's commitment and respects the responsibility each member embraces toward the whole, each member of our body must nurture and maintain their individual health and strength in order for the whole to be healthy and strong. The individual parts must be most devoted to the head, and then to the parts most closely linked to it. Every member of Mosaic should regard their immediate family as a focus for serving and maintaining healthy habits of character and discipline. Only when each part functions in health, does it make the body stronger, otherwise it requires the whole body to shift focus to concentrate on the unhealthy part to realign it.

Mosaic Community commits itself to those in need. The body takes responsibility for those parts in need of help. Again, the covenant principle of offering strengths as resources for weakness or need



