

**Crossover Ministries Sermon Notes**  
**“Governing Values –**  
**Getting Results from What I Value”**  
**April 22, 2007**

*Note: This is an instructional message. The sections in **blue italics** represent examples from Pastor Ralph’s own life. Your governing values should reflect your values.*

**Be Confident**

**1 John 5:14-15 (Amplified Bible)**

14And this is the confidence (the assurance, the privilege of boldness) which we have in Him: [we are sure] that if we ask anything (make any request) according to His will (in agreement with His own plan), He listens to and hears us.

15And if (since) we [positively] know that He listens to us in whatever we ask, we also know [with settled and absolute knowledge] that we have [granted us as our present possessions] the requests made of Him.

***I do the will of God/I walk by Faith:***

- *Never look to highly of myself*
- *Consider others better than you*
- *Give up your right to be right (sometimes even when you are right)*
- *Look for God opportunities in all situations regardless of surrounding circumstances*

***Matthew 6:10, 12***

*“Your Kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven*

***Philippians 2:19-23***

*I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, that I also may be cheered when I receive news about you. I have no one else like him, who takes a genuine interest in your welfare. For everyone looks out for his own interest and not those of Jesus Christ. But you know that Timothy has proved himself, because as a son with his father he has served with me in the work of the gospel. I hope, therefore, to send him as soon as I see how things go with me.*

***Helpful Thought:*** The will of God, as I believe it to be, is to put the interest of others before my own and to serve in furthering the Gospel as the Holy Spirit directs. To do this I will pray and study vibrantly and diligently, seeking the will of God in order to practice His will with all my heart.

***Hebrews 11:6***

*And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.*

***2 Corinthians 5:7***

*We live by faith, not by sight.*

**Helpful Thought:** My faith is real and tangible and will have practical expression through my giving habits as I am generous with my time, knowledge, wisdom and money.

***My Spouse:***

- *Date at least twice a month*
  - *Communicate always*
  - Never be judgmental
  - Be intimate & affectionate not “just sexual”
- Never go to bed mad/angry at one another

**Ephesians 5:25-33 (Amplified Bible)**

25Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her, 26So that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the Word, 27That He might present the church to Himself in glorious splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such things [that she might be holy and faultless]. 28Even so husbands should love their wives as [being in a sense] their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself. 29For no man ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and carefully protects and cherishes it, as Christ does the church, 30Because we are members (parts) of His body. 31For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother and shall be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. 32This mystery is very great, but I speak concerning [the relation of] Christ and the church. 33However, let each man of you [without exception] love his wife as [being in a sense] his very own self; and let the wife see that she respects and reverences her husband [that she notices him, regards him, honors him, prefers him, venerates, and esteems him; and that she defers to him, praises him, and loves and admires him exceedingly].

**Helpful Thought:** I will love my wife more tomorrow than I do today and want to see her as the righteous in Christ Jesus. I will honor and respect her and give my life for her over and over again.

***My Children:***

- *Study time with the word and the boys at least once a week (Tuesday)*
- *Boys must read a proverb a day/Bible Study (no less than 30 min.)*
- *Speak to build them up not tear them down.*
- *Family night at least once a week*

**Psalm 112:1-3 (New Living Translation)**

1 Praise the Lord! How joyful are those who fear the Lord and delight in obeying his commands.  
2 Their children will be successful everywhere; an entire generation of godly people will be blessed.  
3 They themselves will be wealthy, and their good deeds will last forever.

**Colossians 3:21**

Fathers do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged

***Personal Development/ I am a Learner:***

- *Read books frequently*
- *Attend classes and seminars*
- *Master new techniques and technologies*
- *I will never think I know it all and I will be quick to correct myself*

**Psalm 119:18**

*Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law*

**2 Timothy 3:16**

*All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work*

**Proverbs 4:5-7 (New King James Version)**

5 Get wisdom! Get understanding! Do not forget, nor turn away from the words of my mouth. 6 Do not forsake her, and she will preserve you; Love her, and she will keep you. 7 Wisdom is the principal thing; Therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding.

***Helpful Thought:*** Because the world is changing so rapidly, I can't afford to "crystallize" in my work habits or thinking. That means I must continue to learn and grow in the knowledge of God (Colossians 1:10). My primary focus must be the word of God.

***I Seek Excellence:***

- *Health/Growth*
- *Recognition*
- *Increase*
- *Challenging projects*
- *?k per month*
- *Become debt free*
- *Weekly financial meeting*
- *No more spending*
- *Account for all monies spent*

**Matthew 6:33**

But seek first His kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

**Matthew 7:7**

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

***Ministry/employment:***

**2 Thessalonians 3:10 (New Living Translation)**

10 Even while we were with you, we gave you this command: **“Those unwilling to work will not get to eat.”**

**Psalm 1:2-3 (Amplified Bible)**

2But his delight and desire are in the law of the Lord, and on His law (the precepts, the Instructions, the teachings of God) he habitually meditates (ponders and studies) by day and by night. 3And he shall be like a tree firmly planted [and tended] by the streams of water, ready to bring forth its fruit in its season; its leaf also shall not fade or wither; **and everything he does shall prosper [and come to maturity].**

***Finances:***

**Deuteronomy 8:18 (New International Version)**

18 But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today.

*Helpful Thought:* What you seek is what ultimately defines you. I wish to seek the most excellent way (1 Corinthians 13:1). For scripture is clear if you seek Him you will find him, therefore my prayer is simply this, “Lord do not let me give up, before I find you.”