

# Where Did You Get Those Values?

*The Code, Pre-Series Message*

**Values are the principles we believe in and value that serve as guardrails for life. They keep us “within the rails.”**

**Everyone has values, because everyone values someone or something.**

Where do we get our values?

- Nature (our DNA)
- Parents and family of origin
- Extended family and community
- Education
- Church
- Culture
- News Media and Commentators
- Entertainment and Celebrities
- Personal experiences, both positive and negative
- Heroes and examples

All of those are great, but they are all flawed in one respect or another.

**God has revealed himself, his will, and his ways to us through his prophetic word, the Bible.**

## **2 Peter 1:19-21 NIV**

We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it... no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

## **2 Timothy 3:16-17 NIV**

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

I want to challenge you, when this message is over, to write down your core values and the core values of your household. Then, talk about them.

Some of my core values, formed by reading and studying the Word, following the example of Jesus Christ, listening to solid teaching, and hearing from the Holy Spirit include...

- Jesus lives.
- Truth is absolute.
- Human life is precious.
- All are equal.
- Integrity is essential.
- Life is a trust.
- Relationships are vital.
- Everyone deserves justice.
- Grace changes everything.
- Kindness counts.
- Courage is required.
- Sexuality is a gift.
- Politics is temporary.
- Love always wins.
- There is always hope.
- I'm here to serve.

So, what will be the values that guide you in your life? What will be the source of those values? And do they originate from the mind and will of the One who created and formed you for life on planet earth?