

God's View

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Hopefully, we can learn lessons from life.

I once worked at a company where the President, CEO, and real head man (all the same person) had a special parking space. His name was painted on the wall in front of the place he parked. One day I came to work and was told he had died. A workman went outside and painted over the name. Someone else took over.

I also remember a local sports columnist who told the public that we would feel better about ourselves if the area where we lived acquired a major league baseball team.

These were two very interesting events in my life. Mr. X died one day. The special fancy car and personal parking spot did not matter anymore. The important things in life were other items.

And what I think about myself has nothing to do with whether or not a professional sports team is nearby. And more importantly, what God thinks of me does not depend on such unimportant things. I could live in Snowshoe, Alaska, or Pine Bluff, Arkansas, with not even a checkers team or a roller derby squad and God's attitude would be the same.

In our world, values often seem misplaced. A professional athlete gets paid more than a teacher or nurse or construction worker will earn in ten lifetimes. Value? Importance?

We all have opinions. Sometimes we are right and sometimes wrong. Some things are just preference. I may like chocolate ice cream and you could prefer vanilla. There is not a right or wrong there. But when it comes to the big things such as life, death, and eternity, we need God's thoughts.

It does not matter if my name is on the wall or my salary is millions of dollars for playing a game, or whether or not the big city near me has a sports team. One city is now being asked to pay a large part of \$800 million for a ball park. Is there some way that money could be better spent? It is time to see things God's way.

An ancient prophet named Isaiah wrote this, "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways, says the Lord" (Isaiah 55:8).

I will take God's view.