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### THROWAWAYS VS COLLECTIBLES

Our lives are full of stories. Every day we live there is something that happens that we can contribute to others. You may have a day where you are bored, but actually that is a day that you can spend time with God reflecting on His goodness. It shouldn't always be "about us."

We had a garage sale yesterday and it was interesting to see what people thought had value. There were some old toys from the 1940's that some looked at and saw no value, while others that collected toys saw the value in them. It is all in perception. The old toys were not in perfect shape. They had their share of dings and dents, yet in the eye of the person that bought them they were precious. They were a collector's treasure.

Probably many of those toys would have been throwaways unless one had a careful eye. You had to know what they "were" in order to know their "worth."

There isn't a single one of us over a year old that doesn't have a few dings and dents in us. We fall and skin our knees and get bruised and cut. They often leave scars, just like those old "loved" toys. We also have other kinds of dings and dents that come from emotional hurts. You may not see them, but they are far more hurtful than the ones we see. Often it leaves a person emotionally scarred and unable to receive love, even the love of God.

When we realize just how much we are worth then perhaps we will have a different opinion of our value. Our worth? Every drop of the blood of Jesus. That's how much we are worth. He saw the dings and dents and scars and said, I'll buy that one with my blood. I will treasure them more than anyone else. God sees our value even when we don't see it ourselves.

We are worth far more than any old collectible toy my friend. So, the next time you feel like having a "pity party" remember that you are a treasure to God. He paid the ultimate price to buy you back from the auction block of sin. He gave his all. You are not a throwaway you are His precious Treasure!