

# THE EXTRA POINT

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## # 577 A Story of Value and Self-Worth

A story has been circulating in social media, with a message we all need to understand. I'm Jerry Roberts and today, how to know where you're supposed to be and how that relates to self-worth. That's next on The Extra Point.

Nobody can predict how long the coronavirus will disrupt society and our economy, and we can only guess what changes we're going to see as a result of it.

Which companies won't reopen? Which will be different and how? How many people will end up working for different employers? Some lives and careers are going to see big changes.

Some will happen for economic reasons and others through personal choice. People will decide they want to be somewhere else, maybe doing something else, and with different people.

Now the story, edited slightly to fit our purposes.

Before he died, a father said to his son, "Here is a watch that your grandfather gave me. It is almost 200 years old. Before I give it to you, go to the jewelry store downtown. Tell them that I want to sell it, and see how much they offer you."

The son went to the jewelry store, came back to his father, and said, "They offered \$150.00 because, well, they said it's very old."

The father said; "Next, I want you to take the watch and go to the pawn shop, and let them evaluate it."

The son went to the pawn shop, came back to his father, and said, "The pawn shop offered only \$10.00 because it looks so worn out."

The father said, "I want you to go to one more place. Take the watch to the museum and see what they say."

The son visited the museum, came back, and said, "Father, the curator there offered us \$500,000.00 for the watch, saying it is a very rare piece. He wants it to be included in their precious antique collection."

The old man smiled, then said; "Son, there's a larger lesson here, that everyone values things differently. During your life you'll have people look at you and see very little value, while others will see someone full of present worth and future potential."

The young fellow listened intently as his father continued, "I wanted to let you know that the right place values you in the right way. Don't find yourself in the wrong place and get angry if you're not valued or treated fairly. Don't stay where nobody sees what you're worth and nobody appreciates you."

If you're a manager or business owner, the workplace landscape is changing. There's a billion dollars of unemployment money set to hit Guam, maybe more. What will that mean for jobs? Will you have the same level of talent and institutional knowledge in your company a year from now?

Employees do need to know their value and they want to work for people who do value them. Question. Do you think your workers think you see their true value? If you answered that question with a "yes," can you cite any specific evidence why they would feel that way? If not, maybe you've got some work to do.

That's The Extra Point. Be responsible and make something good happen today. For 93.3 and the Ray Gibson Show, I'm Jerry Roberts.

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