

# You are God's Masterpiece

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You are God's own masterpiece. That means, you are not ordinary or average; you are one-of-a-kind original! When God created you, He went to great length to make you exactly the way He wanted you. You're not meant to be like everyone else; God designed you the way you are for a purpose. Everything about you is unique and everything about you matters. You may feel like your life looks ordinary today, but when you understand your value—not only who you are, but also, whose you are—then you will love yourself more, and you will also love those people around you in a greater way. Realize that because you belong to Him, you are extremely valuable.

I read a story one time about a man who lived in a tiny apartment and died in extreme poverty. At one point in his life, he had even been homeless, living on the streets. This man never had any successes to speak of, nor any noted victories. He lived and died as just another face in the crowd.

After the funeral, some family members went to his little run-down apartment to clear out his belongings. They found a painting hanging on the wall, so they decided to sell it at a garage sale. The woman who bought it from the garage sale took it to a local art gallery for an appraisal and was shocked to discover that the painting was extremely valuable. The piece of art that hung for so many years in a little run-down apartment was painted by a famous artist who lived in the early 1800s. The woman decided to auction off that painting and ended up selling it for several million dollars!

Just think how that poor man's life might have changed if he had known the value of what he possessed. He was a multimillionaire and didn't even know it! So many people today are living with priceless treasure inside, and they don't even know it. Sometimes we have to explore what's on the inside of us to really understand what we have. Don't settle for living a mediocre existence. You are a masterpiece, created by the most famous Artist of all, but if you don't understand your value, you'll go on thinking, I'm just average; I'm not that talented; I've made so many mistakes. Don't allow those negative thoughts to play in your memory box. Instead, every morning when you get out of bed, remind yourself, I am important. I am hand picked by God, and I am a person of extreme value and significance.

Remember, You are God's special treasure, selected by Him and for Him. You are created in the image of Almighty God. He made you exactly the way He intended, and He equipped you with everything you need. You have the strength to stand strong in the midst of difficult situations, and the wisdom it takes to make good decisions. Understanding exactly whose you are, and how you fit-in God's plan, creates such purpose, confidence and such identity. You are a person of destiny. You have an assignment and you are full of gifts, talents, encouragement and love. You have rich treasure inside you that people need. You have more in you than you realize, and you can accomplish more than you ever thought possible. Dare to be bold and believe that you are

a person of destiny because you can leave your mark on this generation. Understand you are important, and out of your importance, know that you are called to add value to the world around you. No matter where you are in life today, you have potential to increase, grow, to be strengthened, and to move forward. God created you for His good purpose, and know that beyond the shadow of a doubt, you are His masterpiece!