

"What I presently am finding most confusing in values in my home [private] life is" aging parent...how to be an active enabling listener to a variety of people who see me as supportive when myself I am confused about my own growing relationships with others...what am I living for...quality of time spent with my family (son and husband)...my children being even further removed than I am from those basic moral and ethical values, are still expected by me (+ husband) to know the traditional "right from wrong"--in fact all the basic "Christian" values. How does one now re-connect them to a valid moral system (without giving a traditional church-oriented solution)?...counsel of teenagers in matters of social and sexual conduct, and avoidance of exaggerated expression to exert independence...man's apathy/ambiguity/duality/compromise with shifting value mix in world/community, [and thus] lack of clear-cut stand held on to...how to instill in my small children, as their only parent, the same response I have to God, who has established the values for my life. They put me down for being "religious"...strain due to husband's "all-demanding" career: so little time to discuss domestic and family matters and for family "get-togethers"...the problem of how I can relate to my 3 1/2 -year-old son who is 300 miles away with his mother in her custody and she threatens to erase his memory of me...trying to make an adjustment to living alone in an apartment when I know I should not have sold my small house: it was a major mistake...having devoted many years as a married woman to raising children and not looking beyond their maturity, I now am divorced and find myself saying "But they do grow up, and what then!"...not in conflict within the family setting, but concerned about overemphasis on material and physical things: not enough emphasis on spiritual...my attitudes (way I was brought up) vs. my children's (ages 20,21,23): we don't argue, I'm just confused.

"What I presently am finding most confusing in values in my work is" my role: company vs. customer-interests...how to get the most out of 4 different courses, and not let those not involved feel rejected by me...repetition...will a decision made for now be of value five years or so from now?...how to make a vocational choice for last half of my work-years: continue, or risk change of firms, roles, etc.-- BUT considering security of the family income...the firm line between letter and spirit: applying God's law (e.g., decalog), our Savior's New Commandment, in daily life with self and others...I just find it difficult to share myself and my faith in the secular world of banking--have a fear of alienating others because they're not "where I am" and can't relate to me...how much to stick to "old values" and how much one should be flexible and "update" one's ideas, steer a "middle course"... how can we ease out a person who has been there at work for years?...due to major mistake am unable to make right decisions re my future...I haven't any workworld yet outside of my home, although I am trying to find my way and am starting to school in NY...sometimes decisions are made for me on the basis of values that are different from my own...having to stifle much initiative: I work for a marvelous person who can't let go of any rein.

"What I presently am finding most confusing in values in my community (Greenwich?) is" the conflict of push for more corporate citizens versus the desire to remain "rural": which do I defend [since "rural" means exclusive and restricted]?...Orientation towards couples, disregarding singles; depersonalization...Does Greenwich see itself as it wants to be or as it is--to get people to look at themselves honestly...difficulties in involving family unit and family members in humanizing the community: each tends to go his own way--the women into certain interests--the husband removed entirely on the excuse of business--the children selfishly occupied in social adjustments of their own...how to make integration [race, income, social] possible in Greenwich without loss of the benefits of homogeneous living....

"man's" apathy, ambiguity, duality compromises with shifting value mix in world and community; lack of clearcut stands held on to....I am living in a kind of isolation, have very few social occasions, and am the only divorcee in my neighborhood--a working mother, student, dancer, deaconess, choir member, etc., with no energies left over for community responsibilities....How many community decisions are motivated by economic reasons? Richness and "social climbing" speak loudest in community decisions....How can our organizations get away from our feelings of uniqueness and insulations from other parts of town?....lack of planning ahead in town problems such as parking--etc etc etc--poor planning or lack of foresight in building of schools large enough to cope with population growth....I don't like seeing so many businesses coming into town....In Greenwich, tremendous emphasis on material aspects of life, on acquiring, competing, rather than on true co-operation....I like our community but am confused by the arguments over such things as moderate-priced housing, overpopulation, or turning down justified people.

"What I presently am finding most confusing in values beyond my community (Greenwich?) is" the apparent lack of comprehension among citizens of U.S. role in world [Western at least] moral standards; e.g., Watergate reaches beyond our borders and damages our credibility, yet few people are concerned about this....personal ministry as a Christian trying to enable others to function more fully....I worry about the corporation becoming so to speak the eye of our society....Who's going to save our cities? ....Are there really ANY absolute moral values that one can feel certain of sharing with other people all over the world? Can one find a sense of human identity in the broad picture?....How can we enable the less developed countries to share equitably in the world's resources: education, health, material goods, travel--without patronizing or taking over or being isolationist?....the fine line between letter and spirit in applying/using God's law--e.g., decalogue, our Savior's new commandment [love]--in daily life (with self and others)?....Materialism bothers me; corruption bothers me; the sexual revolution, the drug culture, the alienation--all the et ceteras of our day bother me; I weep for Jerusalem....insatiable desire for power and wealth among world and national leaders; lack of integrity in leaders, and an inability to look to them as "noble" examples to the smaller country and private citizen....the way to turn back corruption of persons: how can it be done quickly?....lack of moral values and integrity in our government; lack of warmth and friendship in our churches and in everyday life; too much affluence....the recent political scandal worries me because I think "Is there anyone in the world honest?"....in the larger world (well, just the U.S. is enough), a complete breakdown in values of people in public office plus a gnawing feeling that we are getting what we deserve....I am puzzled by the leaders of our country: what is true? untrue? I can't conceive they are as dishonest as media is making them; apparently I am naive.

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