

do you see what you see?

One autumn day in October of 2013, Banksy – an anonymous England-based graffiti artist, political activist and film director of unverified identity – set up a display in New York’s Central Park.



A sign indicated that each piece painted with black paint on white canvas was available for \$60 each. He sat beside his work for most of the day as occasionally a busy passerby stopped to look at his work.

After several hours, he managed to sell a couple of pieces to a lady who talked him into selling two small prints at half price. He closed shop by 6 p.m. having sold \$420 worth of his paintings – not bad by most standards.

But what no one seemed to realize was who this artist was, and the great value of his work. In recent years, investors have paid close to \$2 million to own a Banksy original.

Why did he set up shop in Central Park that day? He did not bother to explain, but perhaps only to give pause to consider our value system.

It takes special insight to understand the true value of a work of art. Similarly, it takes divine insight to understand the true worth and value of every human being.

Ephesians 1:20 declares: “But we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God has before prepared that we should walk in them.”

The Greek word for workmanship is *poiema*, which simply means “a thing made.”

“A thing made” may not seem so valuable until you consider who made us. It’s whose workmanship we are that makes each of us a masterpiece, worth far more than the world will ever know.

Understand, then, *your* worth. You are a child of God, created in His image. He loves you and has a purpose for your life.

And fulfilling that mission, associates of Life Care and Century Park – by the choice of their professions – recognize the value of those they serve. That’s why they give their professional skills and their hearts to them.

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It is written in Life Care's *Mission and Values*: "We believe residents are our highest priority ... (and) in the preservation of dignity, self-respect and resident rights in a loving and caring environment."

More importantly than words on a document, it is verified in the practice of our associates every day.

But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows (Luke 12:2 NKJV).

– Beecher Hunter