

Name Not For Sale

It was reported that at the end of the American Civil War, General Robert E. Lee, commander of the Confederate States Army, was broke, as were many of his countrymen. Money was scarce.

About that time, a state lottery offered him \$10,000 a year for the use of his name. He replied, "Gentlemen, my name is all I have left, and that is not for sale."

A person's name, of course, is a very valuable possession. As we grow from birth, it comes to mean more than just a means of personal identification. It begins to represent our character, the values we hold dear, the decisions we make – good or bad.

Proverbs 22:1 instructs us: *A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches.* The longer I live, the more I understand the truth of that counsel.

To others, does your name suggest honesty, integrity, humility, vitality, compassion, enthusiasm, industriousness or ...? Well, the list can go on and on.

How do you want to be known? The choices we make, even today, can determine that answer.

--Beecher Hunter