

BRING OUT YOUR TREASURE!

Matt Clifton

We often hear people boasting about what they would do if they had a million dollars. Buying a house for momma, giving to the poor and endowments to the church frequently appear at the top of the list. When it comes to material goods, men like to engage in hypothetical situations, but what about the treasure we do have? Jesus tells us in Matthew 12:35 that there is a storehouse of spiritual treasure in our hearts. If we are children of God, we have good things to give! If we want to help someone in a lasting way, we have to bring out our treasure!

Treasure of Encouragement: Paul tells us how to speak to one another in Ephesians 4:29 and Colossians 4:6. He looked forward to mutual encouragement in the faith (Rom. 1:12). Let us be like Barnabas, who was a great encourager (Acts 4:36; 11:22-24). Mark Twain once said, "I can live for two months on a good compliment!" Do not make folks wait that long!

Treasure of Love: We have amazing gifts of real love to bestow on those around us, because we have learned from the Master (John 13:34-35)! Do not let it go to waste! Love the brotherhood (1 Pet. 2: 17), love your neighbor (Mark 12:31), and love your enemy (Matt. 5:44).

Treasure of God's Word: The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field (Matt. 13:44). Having learned about the kingdom, we have treasure to share (Matt. 13:52). Let us not take for granted the power of God's wisdom in the Bible. There is no more precious gift than the gospel of Jesus Christ (2 Cor. 4:7).

We cannot always follow our heart (Jer. 17:9). Only a heart that is trained by God's word knows the direction to go. If you are a Christian, then you have got to show others the way (John 3:16, 8:24; Matt 10:32-33; Acts 1:2~38). If you are not a Christian, but you believe Jesus is the Son of the living God, repent of your sins and put Jesus on in baptism today (Gal. 3:27)! **SW**

"IS BIBLE CLASS IMPORTANT?"

Does attending Bible class regularly really make any difference in the quality of one's life? With all the pressures that our children and young people face today, can regular attendance at Bible class really help to fortify them against evil?

Consider this: In a 5-year year period, Judge Fossett in Brooklyn sentenced 2,700 young people to the reformatory. His investigations showed that not one of them was a member of a Bible class any-where!

Or consider this: In a 2-year period Lee Baxton presided over 2,400 juvenile court cases. He had a standing offer to pay court costs for any person convicted of a criminal offense if that young person had been regular in attendance at Bible class during that year. He never had to pay anyone's fine.

Attending Bible class may not be a cure-all, but young people who are regularly found there are seldom found in court. A proven fact! Our young people need all the help we can give them. Plan to be at Bible class this Sunday. You have an example to set!

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Sunday	Wednesday	
Bible Class 10am	Bible Study	7:00 pm
Worship 11am		
Evening 6pm		

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"the gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation"

Romans 1:16

God's Plan of Salvation

- Hear.....Romans 10:17
- Believe.....Mark 16:16; Hebrews 11:1-6
- Repent.....Acts 2:38; II Corinthians 7:10
- Confess.....Romans 10:9, 10; Mt. 10:32,33
- Be Baptized.....Mark 16:16; Acts 22:16
- Arise & walk in newness of life.....Romans 6:4

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DOING NOTHING IS A SIN AGAINST GOD!

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The setting for our lesson is found in Numbers 32:1-33. The children of Reuben and the children of Gad sought their inheritance on the safe side of the river Jordan (vv. 1-5). They had great herds of cattle and saw that the land they requested would suit their needs well. The tribes of Reuben and Gad remembered their cattle while quickly forgetting about the needs of their brethren. Moses cuts to the heart of the matter in replying to their request: *"Shall your brethren go to the war, and shall ye sit here?"* (v. 6). From this penetrating question of Moses, let us learn that:

All of the Lord's people should have a common cause. There were twelve different tribes of Israel, but they were all brethren (v. 6). If one tribe faltered in their obligations and responsibilities, all other tribes would be affected. God does not desire weak links with His people! One tribe not functioning as it should might very well jeopardize the rest of the tribes. We owe our brethren today the help and support they need to defeat the devil and his helpers. All faithful brethren will be interested and involved in whatever concerns the kingdom of God. How can one seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and do otherwise (Matt. 6:33)? As Paul stresses, *"And the eye cannot say to the hand, I have no need of thee: or again the head to the feet, I have no need of you"* (1 Cor. 12:21). God does not intend for there to be any *"schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another"* (1 Cor. 12:25). We must do what is necessary to get others and ourselves to heaven!'

Putting self first endangers the Lord's work. The Reubenites and Gadites decided the land of Jazer and Gilead was just what they wanted. Never mind the other ten tribes—they could fend for themselves! A tremendous tool of Satan today is lack of involvement and unconcern among God's people. As long as my needs are met, as long as I am satisfied, as long as I am not disturbed, as long as I am willing to ignore—all is okay! As a member of the body of Christ, I must be concerned and actively involved in the body of Christ. To do less is mere selfishness and puts the cause of Christ in danger.

Ignoring the work at hand discourages others. Moses said, *"And wherefore discourage ye the heart of the children of Israel from going over into the land which Jehovah hath given them?"* (Num. 32:7). God had given the Israelites a job to do. He expected His people to rally around and support one another in obeying His commands. There are many different ways we can discourage our brethren today. One way we do so is through our unbelief in failing to do what God would have us to do. Another way is by magnifying the difficulty of a task and indicating that what God has commanded will not be successful. Complacent indifference is a spiritual killer.

Seeking the spiritual best interest of others helps the cause of Christ. Did the tribes of Reuben and Gad care whether or not their brethren possessed the Promised Land? Do we care today if our brethren go to heaven? Do we care if the Lord's church has *"spot"* and *"wrinkle"* or do we strive to see that it is *"holy and without blemish"* (Eph. 5:27)? To keep the church what Christ would have her to be, truth *If ye will do this thing, if ye will arm yourselves to go before Jehovah to the war, and every armed man of You will pass over the Jordan before Jehovah until he hath*

driven out his enemies from before him, and the land is subdued before Jehovah; then afterward ye shall return, and be guiltless towards Jehovah, and towards Israel; and this land shall be unto you for a possession before Jehovah (Num. 32:20-22)

One cannot expect to ignore God's commands and inherit His promised blessings!

Doing nothing is II sin against God. The tribes of Reuben and Gad were to have their possession on the east side of Jordan, provided they helped their brethren drive their enemies out of the Promised Land. Moses reminded them, *"But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against Jehovah; and be sure your sin will find you out"* (v. 23). The principle is still intact today. The sin of idleness, neglect or unconcern in the Lord's kingdom will surely find us out. One who is a coward, indifferent and enamored with worldliness and immorality will not escape the wrath of God. Brethren who seek to please men and man-made idols work for the devil and not for Christ. Some brethren choose not to "take sides" and be unpopular and embroiled in controversy; but remember brethren, doing nothing is a sin against God! *SW*

Epigram On Stewardship

- We cannot serve God and mammon; but we can serve God with mammon. —Robert E. Speer
- Money is a bad master, but a good servant.
- Use the talents you possess. The woods would be silent if only the birds sang that sing the best.
- Those who inherit wealth are paid in advance for the service they are expected to render to mankind.

Our Family News

Traveling: Hans Nicholson, Christian Larson, Gabby StClair, David and Linda Cline, Becky and Hannah, Tom Betti family 6-6 to 6-15, Hope Elliott, Jennifer and Tristen Monigeau til the 16th.

Please Pray For: Linda Workman, Walt Gilfilen.

We need remember: Away working, the church & the lost.

Potluck: If you are willing to host June potluck, contact Ed Maxwell.

Radio Program: Listen to "Searching the Scriptures", our weekly radio program, Sundays at 9am, on 100.9 FM, hosted by Sam Carman.

Today's Scripture: "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins." **Mat. 1:21** (KJV)

Today's Proverb: "For by wise counsel thou shalt make thy war: and in multitude of counsellors *there is* safety." **Pro.24:6** (KJV)

Attendance last Sunday: 69

Please update us concerning those on the prayer list.

Thank You