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God's Treasure Chest

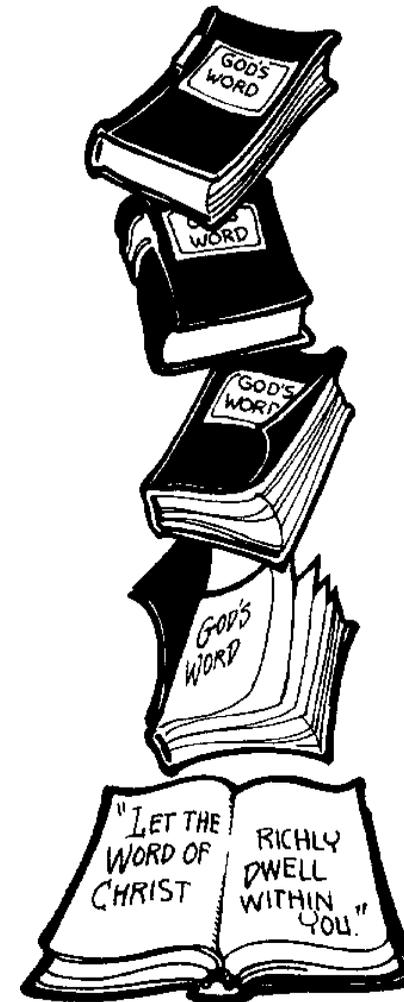
Most of us wouldn't ignore a dollar lying on the ground. We would gladly pick it up and put it in our pocket. Yet we often ignore the Bible, a treasure chest overflowing with God's precious promises. David, the likely author of Psalm 119, recorded the rich blessings he experienced as he studied God's Word and stored it in the pocket of his heart.



David not only rejoiced in God's Word, but he also used it as a personal safeguard against sin. He said to God, "Your Word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You" (v.11). But David did more than memorize it. He saturated his heart with its truth, using these methods: He meditated on God's precepts, contemplated His ways, and delighted himself in the Lord's teachings (vv.15-16).

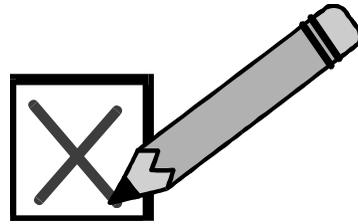
Our opportunity to cultivate a thirst for this great treasure is offered at least twice weekly. At Valley Station the Bible classes are true BIBLE classes.

Please visit us — Sunday classes are at 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. weekly. The more you and your family study this sacred word the more spiritual riches you will have/



Checkup On Your Loyalty

To be loyal to Christ is the Christian's supreme quest in this life. We owe no other loyalty compared to that which we owe Him. That loyalty is shown in our obedient response to His teaching in the imitation of His life. Jesus said to a certain person, "Follow me." The man replied, "Lord suffer me to go and bury my father." This is surely important to a son who has lost his very own father. However, Jesus replied, "Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God." (Luke 9:59-60).



The Savior showed His respect for departed friends and love ones. (Read John 11:11-36). His demand on the man who lost his father was not disrespectful of the dead. It was a test of loyalty. There are more important things in the life of a Christian than those that pertain only to this life in the flesh. But are we really trustworthy to Christ when we allow many things pertaining to this life to come before our duty to the Lord? Are we loyal when,

1. We fail to attend services because friends came in to see us unexpectedly? If the Lord put following Him ahead of burying one's father, what about attendance of meetings of His church?
2. When we fail to give liberally because we ran up too many bills buying things that we did not necessarily need?
3. When we do not invite people to study with us because we are
4. afraid of making them uncomfortable?
5. When we allow a headache or other minor discomforts to keep us from worship, but not our jobs?
6. When we appear very religious on the Lord's Day and live so that no one would ever suspect us of being a Christian the rest of the week?
7. When we are more interested in making money than we are in making melody in our hearts.
8. When we feel that because of what we think is bad treatment in the church we just quit?
9. When we are more concerned over our children's social standing than we are in their spiritual condition?

There are other things, lots of them, we would do well to consider. Take this short test and see if you are trustworthy to Jesus Christ, all the time. See if, after taking the test, you find a few things you need to change or improve.

Both Happy and Sad

An ancient fable tells of three merchants crossing the Arabian Desert. Traveling in darkness to avoid the intense heat one starless night, they were passing over a dry creek bed when a voice from the blackness commanded them to halt. They were then ordered to stoop, pick up pebbles from the creek bed, and put them in their pockets. After obeying the strange command, they were told to leave that place, camping nowhere near.

The mysterious voice then told them that in the morning they would be both happy and sad. Shaken and confused, and obeying the mysterious intruder, they traveled through the night. When morning came, the men anxiously looked into their pockets, and rather than finding the pebbles as expected, there were precious jewels.

They, indeed, were happy and sad. They were happy they had picked up the jewels, but sad because while they had the opportunity they had not picked up many more. This legend beautifully expresses how many feel about the unsearchable riches of God's Word. We are thrilled we have absorbed as much as we have, but sad because we have not absorbed much more. Specifically, I feel this way about a dynamic verse in Galatians, "*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, self-control: against such there is no law*" (Gal, 5:22-23).

"Measure not men by Sundays, without regarding what they do all the week after."

--Thomas Fuller



Ps 119:6-9 - Then shall I not be put to shame, when I have respect unto all thy commandments. I will give thanks unto thee with uprightness of heart, when I learn thy righteous judgments. I will observe thy statutes: Oh forsake me not utterly.

