

Glad Tidings

“And we bring you good tidings of the promise made unto the fathers...” (Acts 13:32)

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Where Your Treasure Is

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Determining the things of value is an important exercise of the heart. Jesus reminds us how important it is: “*for where thy treasure is, there will thy heart be also*” (Matthew 6:21). Our desires will be attached to what we consider to be of value. Our desires will energize and direct our way toward our valued treasures. So, determining where our treasures are will say a lot as to where our heart is and the direction we are headed in life.

Why does Jesus have to sell us on storing our treasures in heaven? He says in heaven your riches will not be consumed by moth or rust. Robbers will not break through the place for your treasures and steal it. Can you say the same for treasures on earth? No, treasures stored upon earth are susceptible to decay and theft. Weighing the wisdom offered by Jesus, we certainly should store our spiritual treasures in heaven.

The problem is that we are drawn to physical treasures on earth. They captivate us with pleasure today, so we need not think of tomorrow? Our earthly

treasures are before our eyes, heaven’s treasures are invisible. Our attention is so easily distracted by sight. Faith helps us see the unseen treasures of heaven and see the reality of our future with them in heaven. Walking by faith, and not by sight helps us connect our heart with heaven.

Tomorrow, we commence to emphasize to young people the importance of desiring the spiritual treasures offered by God through Jesus Christ. Paul says in Christ is where “*all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hidden*” (Colossians 2:3). So, we are emphasizing each day the importance of treasuring Christ in our lives.

We will examine the story of Solomon choosing wisdom instead of riches for himself. Young people will learn why this is a truly wise choice in life. We will learn from the lives of Ahab and Judas how coveting things and money can lead us to do things that ruin us and our families. Hopefully the young will develop an early awareness of guarding from being covetousness

as they study the parable of the foolish rich farmer. We will close the week meditating on the parable of the pearl of great price. The young should finish the week determined to choose to make the kingdom of heaven their most important treasure in life.

All the classes are designed for the different knowledge and maturity levels of your children. We even have an adult class studying the same lessons regarding our treasures. Each day you can relate to your child’s studies and discuss the eternal truths you both are learning and cherishing.

We will spend some time each day singing songs that teach the young the spiritual truths of God’s word. You will be surprised how many Bible facts your child learns from a song that lasts one and one half minutes!

Our Vacation Bible School is preparing young hearts for life-long service in the kingdom of heaven. Will you be here with your children to profit from the hard work of the dedicated teachers? Where is YOUR treasure?