Glad Tidings

"And we bring you good of the promise made unto the fathers…" (Acts 13:32)

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Where Your Treasure Is

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Determining things of value is an important exercise of the heart. Jesus reminds us how important the process 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 in life the direction we are headed.

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 your valuables. Can you say the same for treasures on earth? No, because we know treasures stored upon earth are susceptible to decay and theft. Weighing the wisdom Jesus offers, we certainly should store our spiritual treasures in heaven.

The problem is 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 "shiny objects" passing before our eyes. Faith helps us see the unseen treasures of heaven, and see the reality of future with them in heaven. Walking by faith, and not by sight helps us connect our heart with heaven.

The Lord willing, tomorrow morning 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 delve into the story of Solomon choosing "wisdom" instead of "riches" for himself. Students will learn why this is a truly valuable choice in life. We will learn from the lives of King 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 the heart from 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." Young and old should finish the week determined to choose to make "the kingdom of heaven" their ultimate treasure throughout their lives.

All the classes are designed for the different knowledge and maturity levels of your children. We even have an adult class studying simultaneously the same lessons regarding our treasures. Parents, each day you will be able to relate to your child's studies and discuss the eternal truths you both are learning and cherishing.

We will spend about thirty minutes 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 on the average of one and one-half minutes!

Our Vacation Bible School is preparing young hearts for lifelong service in the kingdom of heaven. Hopefully, you will be here with your children to profit from the preparation and hard work expended by dedicated teachers. Where is YOUR treasure?