

Precious Possessions

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The Bible is a book of great words. One of those words is the word that is translated with our English word as "precious." Peter used this word several times in his two epistles. It is the Greek word "timios" and has reference to that which is "held as of great price, held in high honor, esteemed, especially dear" (Thayer 624). Peter used this word to refer to some of the precious, valuable, dear possessions of the Christian. Consider the following.

Precious Faith (1 Peter 1:7; 2 Peter 1:1). Peter said this faith is more precious than gold. This is not just any faith, but it is "*the faith*." It is precious because of the **Person** in whom it is centered (1 Peter 1:8), the **pleasure** in which it lives (1 Peter 1:8) and the **prospect** in which it results (1 Peter 1:9). If you have this faith in God, Jesus and the Bible, then guard it, feed it, fight for it and die for it. How tragic when someone lets go of precious faith in the precious faith.

Precious Blood (1 Peter 1:18-19). This is a precious possession because of **what** it is—blood. Life is in the blood both physically and spiritually (Leviticus 17:11; Hebrews 9:22). It is precious because of **what kind** of blood it is—imperishable (not subject to decay). It is precious because of **whose** blood it is—the blood of Christ as of a lamb without blemish or spot. Oh, precious is the flow that makes me white as snow!

Precious Promises (2 Peter 1:4). "Standing on the promises that cannot fail when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail; By the living Word of God I shall prevail, standing on the promises of God."

Precious faith—precious blood—precious promises. Truly precious possessions!

The Devil's Device

2 Corinthians 2:11; 11:3

- > Sin devastates human lives.
- > Sin distorts the truth.
- > Sin divides the church.
- > Sin dominates the world.
- > Sin destroys the soul.

- Mark Posey -

(via Glad Tidings of Good Things)

A pessimist is one who...feels bad when he feels good for fear he'll feel worse when he feels better.

News & Notes

CONFESSION & REQUEST FOR PRAYERS: Scharlotte Jones.

NEW CONVERT CLASS: Each Sunday a.m. Bible Class in Room 401.

COVERED DISH DINNER & EARLY SERVICE: TODAY about Noon at the Fellowship Building. Come and enjoy the food and fellowship followed by our **early afternoon service at 2:00 p.m.** at the church building.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. All ladies are invited to participate.

MEN'S ENRICHMENT CLASS: Each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. for 1 hour. Men, come fellowship and study together with other men of the church.

TO HAVE SURGERY: Nancy Hadley will have shoulder replacement surgery, **next Thursday, Nov. 8th** at The Surgical Hospital at Southwoods, Youngstown, OH. Remember her in prayer for a successful surgery and her complete recovery.

ADD TO NOVEMBER CALENDAR: Brad Zaney's birthday **next Friday, Nov. 9th.** Sorry for the omission.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Next Saturday, Nov. 10, 8:30 a.m. at the Columbiana, OH Church of Christ. Sign-up sheet on the desk.

POWER OUTAGE SCHEDULED FOR CHESTER: Monday, Nov. 12th, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

MEMBER VISITS: Elders and Minister visits with members can be scheduled in your home or to meet here at the building by signing the sheet on the desk. If you have not made arrangements for this visit, please do so for this work to be completed before year's end.

PANTRY: Macaroni & cheese.

SEND CARDS:

Alex Harless, 1322 North 4th Street, Toronto, OH 43964.

Bob & Patty Eddy (Bob is undergoing cancer treatments and Patty is recovering from an auto accident & broken hip). Their address: 4898 Oroszy Ave., Lorain, OH 44052.

SICK & SHUT-IN: Jenny Rhodes, Arlen & Joann Webb, Ray & Patty McCullough, Charlie Delong, Carol Stillwell, Russell Martin, Blondenia Orr, Doris Dunham, Alex Harless. **FOX NURSING HOME:** David McCoy, Mary Jane Bowers (Room 19). **CROSSROADS:** Sarah Miller. **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

Bible Humor

Q: What kind of man was Boaz before he married?

A: Ruthless.

Q: What do they call elders in Germany?

A: German Shepherds

Q: Which servant of God was the most flagrant lawbreaker in the Bible?

A: Moses, he broke all Ten Commandments.

Q: Which Bible Character had no parents?

A: Joshua, he was the son of Nun.

Submitted by Dana Rine,

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