

Things That Are Precious

Of all our needs, none is more pressing than our need for a better sense of values. Too many of us neglect the most priceless treasures to seek after worthless trinkets. Rather than pursuing things of eternal value, people are trading life and soul for fleeting goods and pleasures. We ought to put things that are really precious first! In the Bible the word “precious” means “costly, dear, very expensive, of great value.” Think of some of the things the inspired writers described with this important word:

1. **The precious blood of Christ.** It is not with perishable things like silver or gold that we are redeemed from an empty way of life, “but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot” (1 Peter 1:19). No more costly price was ever paid than that by which God redeemed us. We need to be putting Him first and living for His precious Son!

2. **The precious faith of Christ.** Peter wrote “to those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 1:1). Faith which endures the trials of life is “more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire” (1 Peter 1:7). Money, pleasure and fame will fade away, but faith will be “found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.” Don’t give up the faith for the useless things of this world!

3. **The precious promises of God.** Through Christ, God “has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.” (2 Peter 1:4). On the day of death nothing will be of more value than the precious promises of God. However, we will not be able to lean upon those great promises unless we have regarded them as precious during our lives. We must lay up treasures in heaven now while we have opportunity!

Nothing tells more about the heart of a man than what he holds to be precious. Jesus said, “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matthew 6:21). Let’s make sure our lives are centered upon things that are precious.

– Bill McFarland, Water Mill Church of Christ, Springfield, MO –

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was technically the first person
to download files to
his tablet from the cloud.
- via Reader's Digest -

You can never break God's promises by leaning on them.

News & Notes

TODAY'S SPEAKER: Charles Pugh, Director of the Warren Christian Apologetics Center, Parkersburg, WV.

SYMPATHY: To Blondenia Orr and family at the recent passing of her husband, Bob. God bless and comfort this family.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Resumes this **Tuesday, July 16th**. All ladies are invited to participate in making small stuffed bears for sick and needy kids.

LADIES DAY: Weirton Heights Church of Christ, **Saturday, July 27th, 9 a.m. - Noon, Registration: 8:15 a.m.** Speakers: Rhonda Northcraft Martin & Tammy Northcraft. Theme: Telling the story “Through Sharing Your Faith” & “Through Serving Others.” Lunch provided.

SECRET SISTERS: Remember daily in prayer and with a small gift or remembrance once each month. Questions: see Latisha Brown.

PANTRY: Canned carrots and spinach.

REQUEST FOR PRAYERS & CARDS: Marlene Reynolds, 140 N. Surrey Road, East Liverpool, OH 43920. Marlene has cancer.

SICK & SHUT-IN: At Home: Jim Hadley, Russell Martin, Blondenia Orr, Arlen & Joann Webb, Doris Dunham, Chris Lamb (David Roach's sister). **FOX:** Mary Jane Bowers. **CROSSROADS:** Sarah Miller. **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

ANYWAY

People are often unreasonable and self-centered.

FORGIVE THEM ANYWAY.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives.

BE KIND ANYWAY.

If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies.

SUCCEED ANYWAY.

What you spend years building, someone can destroy overnight.

BUILD ANYWAY.

If you are honest, people may cheat you.

BE HONEST ANYWAY.

If you find happiness, people may be jealous.

BE HAPPY ANYWAY.

The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow.

DO GOOD ANYWAY.

Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough.

GIVE YOUR BEST ANYWAY.

For you see, in the end, it is between you and God.

IT WAS NEVER BETWEEN
YOU AND THEM ANYWAY.

- Mary Teresa Bojaxhiu -