



Sermon Notes

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Where Your Treasure Is... #3
True Treasure
Various Passages

Proverbs 2:1-5

- ¹ *My son, if you receive my words
and treasure up my commandments with you,*
- ² *making your ear attentive to wisdom
and inclining your heart to understanding;*
- ³ *yes, if you call out for insight
and raise your voice for understanding,*
- ⁴ *if you seek it like silver
and search for it as for hidden treasures,*
- ⁵ *then you will understand the fear of the LORD
and find the knowledge of God.*

Introduction

Next Three Messages:

Message #3 "True Treasure" - *Various Passages*

Message #4 "Righteousness & Treasure" - *Various Passages*

Message #5 "Integrity & Treasure" - *Various Passages*

- Many of the 'various passages' we will look at are from Proverbs

Today: **"True Treasure"**

- Message #3 in "Where Your Treasure Is", a series about God, money & you
- Seven things that the Scripture teaches are more valuable than money

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1. Wisdom is a far greater treasure than money

- a. Wisdom is more valuable than silver and gold
- See Prov. 2:1-5, 3:13-18, 8:10-11, 19, 16:16
 - Solomon asks God for wisdom – 1 Kings 3:5-14
- b. Where can I find wisdom?

• The Fear of the Lord

Proverbs 9:10

*The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,
and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.*

Proverbs 15:16-17

*Better is a little with the fear of the LORD
than great treasure and trouble with it.*

• The Word of God

Psalm 19:7-11

⁷ *The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure,
making wise the simple;*

• The Tongue of the Righteous

Proverbs 25:11-12

¹¹ *A word fitly spoken
is like apples of gold in a setting of silver.*

¹² *Like a gold ring or an ornament of gold
is a wise reprovener to a listening ear.*

• Ask God

James 1:5 ⁵ *If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God,
who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be
given him.*

c. What does God's wisdom look like?

- The meekness of wisdom - James 3:13-18

James 3:17 *But the wisdom from above is first pure, then
peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good
fruits, impartial and sincere.*

- Proverbs is a book of God's wisdom

d. Wealth is a byproduct of wisdom (see also Prov 22:4)

- **Proverbs 14:24a** *The crown of the wise is their wealth*

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2. Righteousness & Integrity are better *than great revenues*

- **Proverbs 16:8** (see also Prov. 19:1)

*Better is a little with righteousness
than great revenues with injustice.*

- **Proverbs 22:1**

*A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,
and favor is better than silver or gold.*

3. Personal Peace & Love is better *than a house full of feasting*

- **Proverbs 17:1** (see also Prov. 15:16-17)

*Better is a dry morsel with quiet
than a house full of feasting with strife.*

4. An Excellent Wife is far more precious *than jewels* (Prov. 31:10-12)

- **Proverbs 31:10-12**

¹⁰ *An excellent wife who can find?*

She is far more precious than jewels.

¹¹ *The heart of her husband trusts in her,
and he will have no lack of gain.*

¹² *She does him good, and not harm,
all the days of her life.*

5. People are more valuable than money

- **Genesis 1:27** *So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.*

- **Proverbs 14: 31**

*Whoever oppresses a poor man insults his Maker,
but he who is generous to the needy honors him.*

6. The Kingdom of Heaven is worth selling everything to obtain

- **Matthew 13:44-46**⁴⁴ *"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden
in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes
and sells all that he has and buys that field.*

7. Seeing the Face of Jesus brings ultimate joy & satisfaction!

- **2 Corinthians 4:6-7**⁶ *For God, who said, "Let light shine out of
darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of
the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*

⁷ *But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing
power belongs to God and not to us.*

- **Psalms 17:15**

*As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness;
when I awake, I shall be satisfied with your likeness.*

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Our Response

1. Seek the True Treasure described in today's message like you would seek buried treasure.

2. Never sacrifice True Treasure (godly wisdom, personal peace, love, people, Jesus Christ) for a lesser treasure, personal wealth.

3. Pursue Christ as your ultimate treasure!

Hebrews 12:1-2 *Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.*

Questions for Application

1. How do we often over-value money in our everyday lives?

2. How can you pursue godly wisdom as a true treasure?

3. Have you ever sacrificed personal peace for money? Discuss.

4. Married: How can you be a great treasure to your spouse?

Unmarried: What should you look for in a spouse to ensure you get a treasure?

5. Are you satisfied in Christ? Are you tempted to pursue other, lesser treasures for satisfaction? How do we move from knowing Jesus is our ultimate treasure to living our daily lives like it is true!?

6. Pray together for strength from the Lord to make Him the greatest treasure in your life. Ask God for His wisdom and for the transformation of mind you need to treasure it. Pray for transformation in all of our lives as we learn God's wisdom about treasure in this series.

Questions, Comments? - inthebeginning@look.ca

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