

# Bring Out Your Treasure!

We often hear people boasting about what they would do if they had a million dollars. Buying a house for momma, giving to the poor, and endowments to the church frequently appear at the top of the list. When it comes to material goods, men like to engage in hypothetical situations.

But what about the treasure you do have? Jesus tells us in Matthew 12:35 that there is a storehouse of spiritual treasure in our hearts. If you are a child of God, you have good things to give!

**Treasure of Encouragement.** Paul tells us how to speak to one another in Eph. 4:29 and Col. 4:6. He looked forward to mutual encouragement in the faith (Rom. 1:12). Be like Barnabas, who was a great encourager (Acts 4:36; 11:22-24). Mark Twain once said, "I can live for two months on a good compliment!" Don't make folks wait that long!

**Treasure of Love.** We have amazing gifts of real love to bestow on those around us, because we have learned from the Master (John 13:34-35)! Don't let it go to waste! Love the brotherhood (1 Peter 2:17), love your neighbor (Mark 12:31), and love your enemy (Matt. 5:44).

**Treasure of God's Word.** The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field (Matt. 13:44). If you've learned about the kingdom, you now have treasure to share (Matt. 13:52). Don't take for granted the power of God's wisdom in the Bible. There is no more precious gift than the gospel of Jesus Christ (2 Cor. 4:7).

We can't always follow our heart (Jer. 17:9). Only a heart that is trained by God's Word knows the direction to go. If you are a Christian, then you've got to show others the Way (John 3:16; 8:24; Matt. 10:32-33; Acts 2:38). If you are not a Christian, but you believe Jesus is the Son of the Living God, repent of your sins and put Jesus on in baptism today (Gal. 3:27)!

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## *Prayer Requests*

♥Please continue to keep the following in your prayers: Joan Matheny, Edwina Summers, Kim Dumire, Keith Kisner, Jim Stout, Harold Phillips, Terri Puccio, Mary Titchenell, David McDougal, the Goody family, Dave and Lois Olsen, Steve Holyman (having eye surgery).

♥Mary Titchenell is waiting for her appointment to have a biopsy done of her thyroid. Please keep Mary in your prayers that all comes back normal.

♥Brenda Grant Born has requested prayers for her mother-in-law. She is now accepted in a clinical trial.

♥We wish to extend our sympathy to the family of Skip Delligatti. Skip passed away this past week.

## *News and Notes*

**Nursery School Giving Tree** – There are many items on the "Giving Tree" located in the front foyer next to the Library. These are items that are needed to get our Nursery School started again soon. Thank you in advance for your generosity in helping with this great ministry! With your help we are able to keep the tuition costs down so that everyone can afford to send their children. If you would prefer to give a monetary donation, you may do so by seeing Edwina Summers or Dianne Tonkery. May God bless you!!

**Blood Drive** – There will be a Blood Drive TOMORROW, July 27<sup>th</sup> in the Upper Fellowship Hall from 1:00 PM – 6:30 PM You can call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit the website at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) to schedule your appointment.

**Teachers, Elders & Deacons Workshop** – The workshop will be Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at Ohio Valley University. Please see Kevin for more info.

## Can You Find 16 Bible Books in this Paragraph?

I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible. It was a lulu. Kept people looking so hard for facts, and for others it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially since the names of the books were not capitalized. But the truth finally struck home to numbers of our readers. To others it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes, there will be some really easy ones to spot. Others may require judges to help them. I will quickly admit it usually takes a minister to find one of them and there will be loud lamentations when it is found. A little lady said she brews a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. See how well you can compete. Relax now, for there really are sixteen names of books of the Bible in this paragraph.

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