

Treasured Treasures



Did you enjoy pirate stories when you were young? Do you remember Blackbeard? How about Peter Pan? I remember being “amazed” at all the treasures in their treasure chests, and how they guarded those treasures! Do you remember Treasure Island? How about those Westerns where cowboys plotted and planned, cheated, stole and killed to get ownership of some object they perceived as more valuable than anything else? Often it centered around silver or gold, a simple mineral buried in the ground.

Treasure. Webster’s Dictionary defines treasure as wealth stored up or hoarded; wealth of any kind or in any form; something of great worth or value; a collection of precious things; and finally, a person esteemed as rare or precious.

I recently spent a weekend speaking on the Song of Solomon at a conference at the Ft Wayne House of Prayer. Arriving early to spend some time with the

Lord, I sat there as the worship team, consisting of 5 or 6 young people, worshipped and ministered to the Lord. I noticed that nearly all of the team ranged in age from their teens to early 20s. My heart warmed as I considered how precious their service of worship must surely be to the Lord.

And then I thought about myself. About how un-young I am “in the natural.” I considered the many years of my life, and in a somewhat thoughtful mood opened the Scriptures to find this jewel.

**The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree,
He shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
Those who are planted *in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.
They shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be fresh and flourishing.....***

Psalm 92:12-14

I think our spirits are without age. As I considered the chronological span between these young forerunners of today and me, I was blessed to consider that all of us are invited to plant ourselves “in the house of the Lord,” in the place of communion with Him, in the place of intimacy granted

those who surrender to His good and perfect will, who agree with Him in their lives and also in their lifestyles. Within this place of intimacy and prayer, there are those who “have a history” in God, those who have been on a significant adventure with our Bridegroom King, who in fact have *treasure* within them, the value of which is priceless. This is what we have to share with our forerunner younger generation.

Treasure! Riches for which men have longed for from the Garden of Eden until now. Treasure! Oh, to be friends with the King of all the ages, the Creator of the universe, the Savior of all of humankind.

Treasure – hidden in a field

Treasure – in heaven.

Treasure – in clay jars

Treasures – stored up as an indestructibly firm foundation for the coming age.

Treasure – to be found where your heart is.

Where is your treasure? What is your treasure? Do you have a history *in* God? Are you colored by the colors of His heart? Has He branded His likeness on you? Do you have roots that go down deep into Him? Do you wilt if you get too far away from His River of Living Water? Then you have treasured treasures in your storehouse.

What legacy are you downloading onto today’s forerunners? What inheritance are you sharing with those who have been enticed to a life of prayer and fasting by the Bridegroom of our souls? Oh, dear Simeons and Annas, share your treasures with the young ones!

Pour out, pour out the wisdom He has sewn in you.

Teach them how to catch the fragrance of His Presence.

Show them by your own personal walk – what it means to be His.

Share your Treasure.

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all that he had and bought that field.” Matt 6:21

“If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” Mark 10:21

“But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.” 2 Cor 4:7

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Matt 6:21, Luke 12:34