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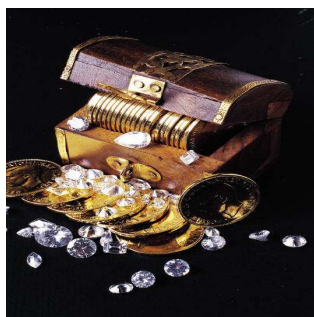
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A Parable of Hidden Treasure, Found in the Field :

A Long Time Ago, A World Famous Treasure Hunter was at home Admiring all the Exquisite Treasures he had Purchased and Collected in his Lifetime of World wide Travels. Still, one day



he said to himself, "my good man, You have collected many good things in this life, and Yet You are Not Complete!"



So he set out on yet another Journey, and then after traveling many weary miles, searching., he found himself walking through a dusty field of tumbleweeds, blown by the wind.

His first thought, as he began tossing pebbles out of sheer boredom, was, "wow, this land has been a long time neglected. No plowman has plowed, no sower has sown, nor has there been any kind of harvest here in years, it appears."

But suddenly a golden glare, caught the corner of his eye, in the sunset, as he was rolling out his sleeping bag to bed down for another night.

As he was clearing rocks and stones under his 'campsite', he saw something, he held it up to what was left of the sun light, "this rock contains Gold", he said softly to himself. Being a careful treasure hunter, he

knew Gold, even in it's roughest disguise!

His first thought was to fill all the containers he had in his backpack with this heavy yellow metal., as he wondered whose field this must be? But by the time he filled the few containers he had, he realized how very vast this Treasure, was, Appearing.

"This is amazing", he said, and began covering up as much of the golden metal as he could, right where he found it. "I've got to have a better plan!"

So for many days he Traveled, back home, all the while exercising his imagination, "where can I come up with the money to buy that land?" he deliberated in his mind. Was the Treasure in this field worth selling his other treasures, to possess?

Finally with the rising of the sun on the 7th day, he came upon his Estate. By this time he was so excited at the potential of what he had found, he had decided to Sell All of his previous treasures, and take All the finances he could muster and Invest it all, in this Land. "lest I come up short, in the final dealings!". He thought to himself.

And so, he returned to the land, 'the field of great desire'. After diligent re-search, he located the Land Owner.



"I would like to Purchase a certain field you own", said the investor.

"What ever do you want with that eroded and dusty field?" remarked the Land Owner.

"I have many fine Properties I will show you, if it's land, your interested in" he said.

"No!" said the investor, "I'm just interested in that particular field!"

"I've owned that dusty old land for years" replied the Land Owner, "but every time I think of developing it, all I see is dust in the wind and tumbleweeds!"

"Well, then, sell that old field to me!" suggested the Investor.

"I still owe money on that land" the Land Owner spoke shrewdly. "I will have to get a great price for it!" Confidently, the Treasure hunter, now Investor, emptied out his bank roll before the greedy eyes of the Land Owner.

"All that I have, I give to you for the Purchase of that Field", said the Investor.

"Sold!" shouted the Land Owner. Counting up all the



Monies his hands could grasp.

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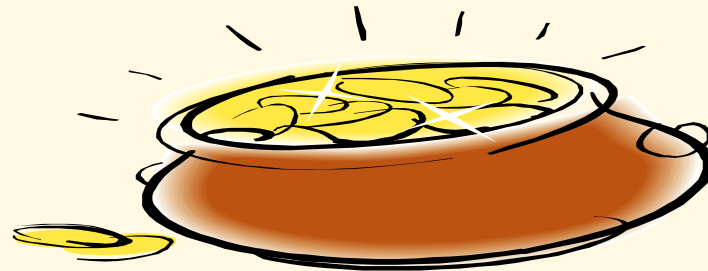


Now the Moral of this Story is This:

WHO WILL BE BETTER OFF IN THE END? THE LAND OWNER WHO SOLD HIS FIELD FOR A GREAT PRICE?

OR, THE TREASURE HUNTER, AND NOW INVESTOR, WHO SOLD OUT ALL TO PURCHASE, AND MINE THAT FIELD OF GOLD?

The Bible is 'a mother lode of Spiritual Gold' to those who dig!



The Gospel is an open field, with Jesus, the Treasure!

For all who Embrace the Gospel, it becomes the Royal Gold Mine, that no serious miner can cease exploring!

The Bible, to the undiscerning, is simply an ancient old book, covered in many homes by dust, and rarely opened, if at all. But the Treasure Hunter knows that Gold will sometimes lie beneath the most barren land. When you walk into a Book Store, you will see glamorous books promoted, and usually in a back corner a row of Bibles, unadvertised. Why? Because for hundreds of years the Bible has been sought out by Spiritual Investors and Purchased. It simply needs no glamorous advertisements! The Bible is a book men stumble upon, but a Masterpiece men search out till they find it's Treasure. Mt 13:44

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field, which a man having found did hide, and from his joy goeth, and all, as much as he hath, he selleth, and buyeth that field. —Jesus. (Young).

The Gospel (Good News) of Jesus Christ is the Treasure contained in the Bible.

The great Apostle Paul, was willing to sacrifice all for the Prize of winning Christ, and his ultimate goal was to be found in Him at the end of his life! Mt 13:44 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field." —Jesus (KJV#)

It doesn't take a wise man to understand why the political climate of this regressing age, would want to discourage the Preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, Take the Bible away from the children, and hide it in the back of the book stores.

Still, be all the more determined to seek out this Masterpiece for yourself. Dive into the Four Sure Gospels about Jesus Christ. Find both The Field, and The Treasure hidden in it. Find Jesus Christ, for in Him are all the Spiritual Treasures of God hidden for Your Discovery!

