

There is something better than gold

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Introduction

1. Text Psalm 37:16
2. We sometimes get caught up in making our million dollars. Luke 8:14
3. There are warnings about money. 1 Timothy 6:6-11 James 5:1-6
4. While we are young we may think money can solve all the problems we have, but there are some things that are better than all then gold in the world.
5. Let find some of those things that are better than gold.

II Discussion

- A. A good name is to be had above gold. Proverbs 22:1
 1. A good name is the product of conscience and principle.
 2. A good name is to build a monument in honor of oneself.
 3. Your name is what you want it to be.
 4. One must have a good name to be an elder – he is to be blameless.
 5. A good name is priceless
- B. Good health is better than gold. Acts 3:6
 1. In dealing with the needs of people, money is not always what they need.
 2. Millions are spent on obtaining good health
 3. Good health is priceless.
- C. The Word Of God is better than gold! Psalm 19: 9-10; Proverbs 3:13-15
 1. In Proverbs 2:1-5 Verse 4 searchest means to dig out
 2. The reason is because of what the Bible tells man.
 - a. He is lost
 - b. He needs salvation
 - c. He needs remission of sins
 - d. The Bible tells man how to be cleansed of these sins.
- D. A good conscience is better than gold. 1 Peter 3:21
 1. The conscience is not a good guide unless it has been taught correctly
 2. This good conscience will do all that God has said to do – be faithful until death
 3. Man's conscience bothered him when he cheated on the final exams his senior year in college.
- E. The trial of faith is much better than gold. 1 Peter 1:7
 1. These trials of one's faith is a process of showing whether one's faith was or was not genuine.
 2. What would a trial of your faith show?
 3. It is a more important and valuable process than that of testing gold.
 4. The trial revealed the true character of a person
 5. The reason for this trial is that we might be found unto praise, honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ.
- F. Salvation is better than gold. Mark 8:36-37
 1. Gold and silver will perish, but salvation in heaven is for eternity.
 2. Romans 6:23
- G. Treasure in Heaven is better than all the gold in the world. Matthew 6:19-20

1. Heaven is where the important treasure is.
- H. Wisdom is better than gold. Proverbs 16:16; Job 28:12-19
 1. Wisdom is the application of knowledge.
 2. Wisdom would be doing what God commanded.

III Conclusion

1. There are some things better and more valuable than gold and silver, name, health, the word of God, a good conscience, the trial of one's faith, salvation, treasure in heaven and wisdom.
2. Yet we can have some of these things while we may not have gold and silver.
3. These things do cost us something – our pride- we must submit to the will of God and obey what He has for us to do.

Sources: Outline Chalk talks by Paul Holdcraft; Barnes notes, Mathew Henry commentary.