

Eight Things More Precious than Gold

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I. Introduction.

A. There are eight things more precious than gold from a biblical viewpoint.

B. We are in the last days. (2 Timothy 3:1)

II. A person's relationship to Almighty God. (Job 22)

A. Our relationship with God can grow by...

1. Receiving Jesus. (1 Corinthians 3:11)

2. Knowing God's Word. (John 5:39)

3. Praying.

4. Obedience.

5. Spending time with godly people. (2 Kings 13; Acts 5; 27)

B. Results: assurance of heaven, peace in our hearts, freedom from guilt. (Revelation 3:20; 1 John 1:9)

C. There is tremendous power in a holy life. (John 15; 1 Timothy 4:16)

III. The Word of God itself.

A. God uses it to cleanse us. (John 15:3)

B. It is food for our souls. (1 Peter 2:2-3)

C. It directs our lives. (Psalm 119:105)

D. It is an offensive tool against the Devil. (Ephesians 6:17)

E. Take in the Word of God by hearing it preached, by reading it, by studying it, by memorizing it and by meditating it.

IV. Wisdom. (Proverbs 3:13-14)

A. We get wisdom by asking for it. (James 1:4)

B. We always find wisdom in Jesus. (Colossians 2:2-3)

V. Our health.(Acts 3, Isaiah 33:24)

VI. The trial of our faith. (1 Peter 1:6-7)

A. This puts steel in our soul. (2 Peter 3:18)

B. This makes us an example for others.. (2 Corinthians 4)

VII. The precious blood of Jesus. (1 Peter 1:18-19; 1 John 1:7)

A. This is our redemption.

B. It gives us continual cleanliness. (1 John 1:9)

C. It produces a holy life. (Revelation 7:14)

D. It is our weapon of warfare. (Revelation 4)

VIII. A good name. (Proverbs 22:1)

IX. The human soul or personality.

A. God has put eternity in the hearts of man. Man longs to be right with God. (Ecclesiastes 3:11)

B. Wise people make wise investments in eternal things: the Word of God, love and the human personality. (2 Peter 3; Luke 21:33; 1 Corinthians 13)

C. The requirements for change.

1. Admit your need.

2. Be willing to change.

3. Believe that Christ died on the cross for you.

4. As an act of your will invite Jesus to come in and control your life.

Application questions:

1. How will you go about growing your relationship with God?

2. How can you make better health conditions to honor the prize God has given you?

3. What are some new ways you can invest the life God has given you to make an impact for eternity? Explain.
