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Is Your Bible Your Most Treasured Earthly Possession?

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Sadly many people would not think to elevate and value God's Word to such an extent. However those who love the Lord with all of their heart constantly seek, through His written Word, the One who speaks perfect words of comfort, grace and truth, and warnings, and encouragement to their soul.

Consider the Treasure of the Psalmist

Psalm 19: 7 - 11 The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; 8 the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; 9 the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether. 10 More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. 11 Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

Notice in verse 10 that to the Psalmist, God's Word and meditation upon it is more desirable than gold, even the best gold. If believers throughout our nation, including many who represent us, sought more after God than gold, I believe most of our current problems would dwindle. Why, because believers would more accurately reflect the mind (and actions) of Christ.

Consider the Treasure of the Apostle Paul

Paul treasures God's Word because God uses it to change and transform believers into mature representatives of His good and perfect will:

Romans 12:2 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

The Apostle Paul also understood that God uses His Word to teach, reprove, correct, and train His followers in righteousness, as well as equipping them for every good work which God has prepared in advance for them to do (Cf. Ephesians 2: 8-10).

2 Timothy 3:16-17 16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for

training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

Consider the Treasure of the Persecuted Church

Many of the Bibles still in existence from the period of the reformation are both blood stained and tear stained—believers willingly risked all they had including their lives to read their Bibles in their own native language.

Today millions of Christians are being martyred for their faith in the Middle East, Asia, and Africa. Their desire is to glorify God in word and deed, whether by their living, or by their dying. Many in the persecuted church are simply asking the Western church to regularly pray for them to be faithful, and also they are asking us to keep sending more Bibles to them, because they love God and love His Word.

What is Your Most Treasured Earthly Possession?

God has provided so much for us to be thankful for, it could be our family, our home, food and clothing, our car, or any other provisions or possession, which God provides for us to enjoy. But God wants us to love Him first, above all other people and all that He provides, and one way we can grow in our love for God is by coming to Him daily in prayer and listening to Him through what He has written in His Word. It is easy to spend time away from God's Word, only to find ourselves feeling distant from God, and losing site of His priorities in our life. We easily tend to forget some of the most important things God has for us when we stay away from hearing God speak to us through His Word. Our faith can grow weak, our spiritual growth stunted, when we become more concerned about the things in this world than about our relationship with God. If you are not treasuring God's Word on a daily basis, I urge you to spend a month in God's Word, and note the difference that God makes in your life, and in your attitude and relationship with God and people, also note how God empowers you afresh to carry out all of the tasks to which He has called you, and enmeshes the desires of your heart with His plan and purpose for your life.

Let me know what a difference it makes, so I can give God thanks for the good work He is doing in you!