



Unopened Treasure

Recently, I heard about an elderly man whose only means of support was his social security check. Each month was a hand to mouth existence, and he had lived the past 10 years in poverty. One day, while cleaning out the attic in preparation for a move to his son's house, he found the family Bible he had received earlier when his Mother died. Opening it, he was amazed to find cash and bonds scattered throughout its pages. He counted over \$100,000 in cash and securities, hidden away by his old-fashioned Mother who did not trust banks! Within his reach had been riches that he could have been enjoying all along!

Maybe you've made the same mistake as this gentleman, relegating the Bible to some vague connection to the past. But inside there are true treasures. I'm not saying that if you go home and pull out the Bible that you'll find a wad of cash, but you will find something of great value. You will find that the riches of this book have been waiting for you all along.

This is Stephen Chitty, pastor of Christian Life. Remember, *Life Matters*, and so do you.

Matthew 13:44

"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 he had and bought that field.

Luke 6:43-45

"No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit.

Each tree is recognized by its own fruit. People do not pick figs from thornbushes, or grapes from briars.

The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks.