

## Be Happy With What You Are Given Everyday

In years past and still today if a man hears of a large gold find, men will leave everything and search the nearby land or riverbed for this shiny metal enduring all kinds of hardships (the weather, loneliness, and/or the challenges of living great distances from town and supplies, etc.) For those who believe in God and the power of prayer, they might start each day something like this: “Dear God, help me to find just one nugget today that can be reworked into a pair of wedding rings for some lucky couple to give each other while they’re saying their marriage vows. And Lord if it is your will for me to discover several nuggets in one location or a vein containing a vast quantity of gold, help me to spend your wealth wisely and reach those who need to know about you plus how much you love us. What would be found will be like a blank check! And if I cannot take care of this gift plus serve you in the growth of your kingdom -or- my family, and future generations would drift away from what you would have us to do or we’d fall from grace...then let someone else be blessed. It’s better for us to barely make it and survive than to be separated from you for eternity. I pray to you. My future wife prays to you. Our future children pray to you. Plus everyone who is touched and becomes saved from future efforts prays to you. [All of us give thanks and pray through your Son, Amen.]”

This world is full of people who’ve actually made it to easy street. And once there, they end up only wanting more and more. A man falls in love with a lady and after losing her, from memory can paint an entire huge canvas; just to remember what he can no longer embrace each new day. After his death someone finds this treasure, then it’s sold to a collector who really has no idea of its real value...to them it is just another masterpiece or a work of art. And what about the precious rock Miner who one day finds a flawless 100 Karat ruby? What are his choices: A) Take it home and keep it by his bedside for 50 years. B) Sell the rock and start up a new life in another strange far away distant city, leaving everyone he knows and loves. C) Sell the ruby, then try real hard to make a difference in the lives of his loved ones and improve the nearby community. Or D) Throw it away.

While reading this, you have been thinking about the men who’ve went in search of gold asking God to help them strike it rich! Oh the things you could buy and not need to work another day in your life. Of course, you’d be willing to share it with others. Why your gifts of charity would be so generous, people would think of you as a philanthropist and name buildings after you. (And if your fortune is only in dreams, you are setting yourself up to never be satisfied with what God gives you each new day.) “Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come follow me. But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions.”

As Christians, the challenges we face are very similar like the man who kept the masterpiece hidden away from all others to see. [And by the way if no one has told you] Jesus is your flawless jewel, so go tell as many as you can...they can be rich like you. A) Please don’t keep his words only at your bedside. B) You don’t have to go to another part of the world to seek/find the lost. C) Start with the lost in your house, next your street, then the community. D) And be happy with what you are given everyday!