

## Is It Treasure, Or Is It Trash?

In **Philippians 3:7-11**, the great Apostle Paul writes that as looked back upon his life, he had come to the hard-fought understanding that his life before He knew Jesus was far removed from his life in Christ. He writes that the things that he used to value were now trash and the things that he had fought against were not the things that he tresured. Like Paul, let us stop, look and ask:



- What Treasure is of No Value? **Luke 12:21** *“So is he, who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.”*  
*You can't take it with you if it's been corrupted.*
- What Treasure is of Great Value? **Mathew 6:20** *“but lay up for yourselves treasure in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.”*  
*You won't leave it behind if it's been purified.*
- Which is Treasure and which is Trash? **Philippians 3:7-11** *But what things were gain to me, these I have counted (as) loss for Christ... and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ...*  
*Treasure is of God. Trash is of the world.*

It's been said that “One man's trash is another man's treasure.” There is no such confusion when God looks at things. To know what He thinks; pursue Him. To pursue Him; get into His word and get into Jesus.

**May you produce Treasure this day, Pastor Gene**

## Heavenly Rewards

**Introduction:** The Bible reminds us that this life is fleeting and that we are passing through on our way to one of two destinations. As we walk out this life as believers, God has prepared for each of us good works. Bing a doer of the works adds to a heavenly account of crowns which are kept for us. These crowns is an expression of victorious celebration:

- The Crown of Righteousness celebrates; **SAVED OVER UNSAVED.** **2 Timothy 4:8** *Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me...* The imputed righteousness of Christ is but a shadow of the fullness of the final righteousness that believers will receive in glory.  
*By faith you were saved for life eternal.*
- The Crown of Incorruption celebrates; **SPIRIT OVER FLESH.** **1 Corinthians 9:27** *Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown.* All of the treasure that we store in heaven is incorruptible. The things that we accumulate in the life will all rust and fade away  
*Seek Spirit over flesh..*
- The Crown of Life celebrate; **LIFE OVER DEATH.** **James 1:12** *Blessed is the man who endures temptation. For when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.* Life is the promised-reward made to believers who stand and do not fail through the trials of life.  
*The King is alive... and so are you!*
- The Crown of Glory celebrates; **A JOB WELL DONE.** **1 Peter 5:1-4.** *elders... Shepherd the flock... when he chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.* Leaders in the church have a high accountability with high rewards. Serve the people of God to receive His affirmation.  
*Serve God and His people.*
- Crown of Rejoicing celebrates; **JOY IN THE LORD.** **1 Thessalonians 2:19-20** *For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? ... You in the presence of our Lord at His coming.* There is no greater reason to rejoice than the presence of Jesus in our lives and in the liyes of those whom we love. Allow Him in everyday.  
*Celebrate Jesus.*

There is a day coming when you will stand before the Great King and He will judge what you did with your time as His ambassador here on earth. God has presented you with amazing opportunities to represent Him and His Kingdom dynamics. God is the great rewarder and He wants to reward you for a job well done. Be His faithful servant.