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"Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things." Phil. 4:8 (NASB-U)

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We appreciate so much your presence here with us today. We would like to extend an invitation to join us at any of our other times of worship.

TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

Bible Classes* 10:00 AM
AM Worship 10:45 AM
PM Worship 6:30 PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Classes* 7:00 PM
(* Bible Classes for All Ages)

Today's Sermons:

AM: Love is Patient

PM: The Bible in the Home

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If you have any questions regarding what we teach and practice, please feel free to ask.

A Prayer to Consider

Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me a channel of your peace

- that where there is hatred, I may bring love*
- that where there is wrong, I may bring a spirit of forgiveness*
- that where there is discord, I may bring harmony*
- that where there is error, I may bring truth*
- that where there is doubt, I may bring faith*
- that where there is despair, I may bring hope*
- that where there are shadows, I may bring light*
- that where there is sadness, I may bring joy.*

Lord, grant that I may seek rather to comfort than to be comforted

- to understand, than to be understood*
- to love, than to be loved.*

For it is by self-forgetting that one finds.

It is by forgiving that one is forgiven.

It is by dying that one awakens to Eternal Life.

Amen

via—A Springboard for you—Edwin Crozier—www.edwincrozier.com

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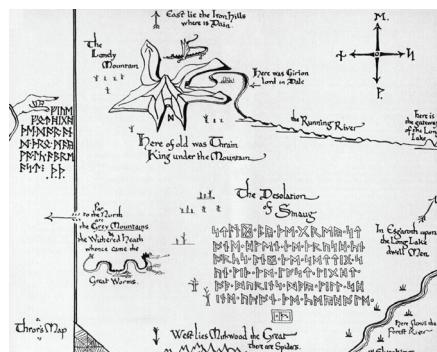
The Bible is our Treasure Map

By: Edwin Crozier
via—A Springboard for You—edwincrozier.com

What is the Bible? No doubt I could talk about the collection of books. I could mention its two major sections, Old and New Testament. I could talk about the number of writers, the different languages, etc. But with all this, we still wouldn't know what the Bible is.

Matthew 13:44 likens the kingdom of heaven to a treasure hidden in a field. I want to piggyback off that simile and present the Bible as the treasure map. It is the guide to get us to the right field, to dig in the right spot so we can have the right treasure. As 2 Peter 1:11 says, we want to enter “*the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*” However, the way to eternal life in that kingdom is not cheap, easy or natural. Matthew 7:13-14 says we must “*Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.*”

God has given us the Bible to be our guide. It lights our way (cf. Psalm 119:105). This should affect how I read and apply it. Think about how we use any other map. Just a few weeks ago, I took a trip from Spring Hill, Tennessee to Chillicothe, Ohio. I pulled out my map to show the way. When I pulled out my map, I wasn't trying to learn how to be good enough to get to Chillicothe. I simply had faith that my atlas would show me the way that worked. By following the roads the map showed, I wasn't trying to earn my way to Chillicothe. I just wanted to go the right way or I wouldn't get there. That is the way we should read the Bible. We can't be good enough to earn heaven. The Bible wasn't given so we could be good enough to earn heaven. If we gain eternal life in the eternal



kingdom of heaven it will not be because we are good enough, but because God is good enough. Instead of reading the Bible so I can be good enough, I should read the Bible and apply it because God's way works. God's directions will really get me to that treasure.

This should also impact how we discuss the Bible with other folks. Let's just say I made a wrong turn on my Chillicothe trip. For instance, let's say I turned south on I-65 in-

stead of north. How should I have responded if my wife said, "Hey, Edwin, you just made a wrong turn; you need to turn around"? Maybe I might say, "Why you judgmental, narrow-minded, nitpicky little Pharisee. Who gave you the right to tell me how to get to Chillicothe? Wow. You just think you're the only person going to Chillicothe, don't you." That doesn't make any sense at all, does it? The fact is, I can travel south on I-65 from Spring Hill and I'll never get to Chillicothe, Ohio. I can call the person who tells me the right way all kinds of names, but that won't make me get to Chillicothe. When someone says I'm going the wrong way, I just need to get out the map and see. If I'm going the wrong way, then I need to turn around or I'll never get there. The same is true with the Bible. Instead of railing with all kinds of names, anger and hatred at those who tell me I'm going the wrong way, I need to just pull out the map God has given me. If they're right, then I need to change, because if I'm going the wrong way, I'll never get to my treasure. If I find they are wrong, then I can show them the map.

Of course, I know some of us seem to see the map differently. That saddens me, but I know it will be this way. After all, Jesus said only few will find the way to life. In this case, I simply pray that God will help me understand His guide. I can't change just because someone else says I'm reading the map incorrectly and I don't expect everyone else to change just because I say they are reading it incorrectly. However, I think we can have these discussions without all the fighting and hatred that comes up. We can let God do the judging.

ing. Granted, we may not be able to walk hand in hand because we are going different ways, but as we discuss these differences we can do it with love and compassion. In fact, I have the idea that if we all started reading the Bible as God's guide to our treasure instead of the debate guide to argue our favorite point and prove we are right and others are wrong, we might just learn the key to figuring out the right way to eternal life. Let's just surrender to what God has to say. He buried the treasure. He knows where it is and how to get to it. Why don't we just do that? Not because we are earning the treasure. We can't do that. No, it's just because if God says the treasure is that way, we need to go that way or we'll never get the treasure.

I'm ready to get that treasure, so I'm busy getting in the Word trying to figure out which way God is telling me to go. What are you doing?

Where Self-Discipline Comes from

*By: Gary Henry
via—WordPoints—01-17-2009*

"Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

Hebrews 12:1,2

Every day that we live in this world, we are tested. We are faced with choices that test our character. Deep down inside, what kind of people are we? When the *right thing* and

the *easy thing* are not the same, we must choose between them. Do we have the character to do what we know is best, and to do that reliably and consistently? Are we made of strong stuff or not?

Most of us could use a little more self-discipline and a little more will power. We need the benefit of having trained our bodies to carry out the dictates of our conscience. Paul said, "*I discipline my body and bring it into subjection*" (1 Corinthians 9:27). But how do we do that? Where does self-discipline come from?

Self-discipline comes from having a hope that means enough to us that we refuse to give it up. We find the strength to say "No" only when we have a powerful "Yes" burning within us. Like Jesus, who "*for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross,*" we must endure our own crosses. The "*joy set before us*" is the key.

Actually, self-discipline is a form of courage -- and courage is always born of *hope*. When we can see the light that comes from the lighthouse, fear of the darkness is lessened and we find the strength to make for the harbor. So John wrote, "*Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure*" (1 John 3:2,3).

If we are to grow strong in our character, therefore, and if we are to acquire godly integrity in our conduct, we must focus more on God. His glory must mean enough to us that the desire for Him to be glorified is a powerful force constantly calling us to higher ground. If God is to be glorified, there are some things that we must give up, it's true. But the question is really one of *gaining* things -- *greater things that we should refuse to give up!*

"Our Lord did not ask us to give up the things of earth, but to exchange them for better things."

Fulton J. Sheen

Those Serving This Week

Sunday AM

Class Prayer	Don Coen, Sr.
Announcements	Chuck Isinghood
Song Leader	Harold Marshall
Scripture Reader	Ezekiel 39:1-14
Prayer Speaker	Ken Prager
Lord's Supper Bread	Dan Marton
Fruit of the Vine	Tim Henderson
Serve	Dave Harless
Serve	Nathan Marshall
Closing Prayer	Terry Smith
	Matt Ferrell
	Tim Henderson

Please inform the one in charge of announcements if you are unable to fulfill your responsibilities.

Sunday PM

Announcements	Chuck Isinghood
Song Leader	Nathan Marshall
Scripture Reader	Ezekiel 39:15-29
1st Prayer Speaker	Harold Marshall
Communion Closing Prayer	Dave Harless
	Tim Henderson
	Matt Ferrell
	Ed Roberts

Wednesday

Announcements	Chuck Isinghood
Class Prayer	Don Coen, Jr.
Song Leader	Tim Henderson
Invitation	Matt Ferrell
Closing Prayer	Don Coen, Sr.

News & Notes

Please continue to remember these in your prayers:

Traveling: Alfred and Mary Jane Myers

Recovering:

- Earl Miller
- Ann Rudolph
- Mary Jane Myers
- Marie Roberts
- Phyllis Coen

Prayer Requests:

- Virginia Malick, Peggy Miller's mother, is in room 688 at Weirton Medical Center
- Ila Marshall, Harold Marshall's mother.
- Cary and Grace Lancaster
- Becky Johnston broke her finger and had surgery Friday & Kathy Johnston is dealing with sickness
- Albert Miller, Earl Miller and Marie Robert's brother.
- Alfred Myers diagnosed with a leaky valve in his heart
- Mary Jane Myer's daughter-in-law has cancer in her neck .
- Zeda Goddard's sons, Dallas and Terry, and her daughter Tammy Garrison
- Frank Miller, Dorothy Lancaster's brother and Rick Miller, Dorothy Lancaster's nephew
- Blake Headen, Alberta's husband, as he continues to deal with cancer treatments.
- Jimmy Roberts, Ed & Marie's son
- Jim Roberts, Ed Roberts' father
- Blake Swanson, Dorothy Lancaster's grandson
- Bud and Merl Frey

Don't forget our Shut-ins

Nursing Home:

- Ethel Mahan
- Pauline Sellers

At Home:

- Josephine Clow
- Mabel Fleming
- Pauline Midcap

Send them a card—give them a call—let them know we are thinking about them.

If someone needs to be added to this list, please call 304-914-2262