

Hidden Treasure

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Neal: Jason what are you doing?

Jason: I am looking for hidden treasure?

Neal: I don't think there is any there, Jason.

Jason: Yep! You are right about that! Guess I'll keep looking!

Neal: Jason, would you get back up here? You are suppose to be setting up for the next sketch while I am making up some story to tell everybody to stall them while you are setting up!

Jason: Wait! Wait! I think I have found something! Yep! I found it! Yes! Yes! It appears to be gold! I have found gold!.

Neal: Jason that is not gold that is a **brass** flower pot with flowers in it! Now get back up here. (pause) As I was saying (talking back to the audience) Wait a minute, why are you looking for hidden treasure?

Jason: Because the Bible says to!

Neal: Where?

Jason: In Proverbs 2:4 it says that I am to "search for it as for hidden treasure"

Neal: Jason, what is it?

Jason: It?

Neal: Yes, what is it?

Jason: What is what?

Neal: It, you said it.

Jason: I did? Oh yea, it is the hidden treasure, dummy!

Neal: No, you said, “search for IT as for hidden treasure.”

Jason: Oh. Well (pause as if to think) I am not for sure.

Neal: Did you read the whole chapter of Proverbs 2, or just that verse.

Jason: Uh, well, maybe it was just that verse.

Neal: Why don't you read the first 5 verses of chapter 2.

(Jason starts flipping in the Bible, scrolling, then stops, turns it around 180 degrees and continues, he starts mumbling it first) “My son, if you accept my words and store up...”

Neal: Jason, why don't you read it out loud so we all can hear it?

Jason: Oh, sorry, “My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding, and if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God.” Hmm.. so what does that mean?

Neal: If you believe in God, memorize his scripture, ask and listen to him through prayer, and practice what you have learned, then—

Jason: (*interrupting*) I will know where God has hidden the treasure and I won't need this thing (holding up the metal detector) anymore!

Neal: Not exactly Jason, I was going to say, you would find the knowledge of God and—

Jason: (*interrupting*) become righteous and our house will contain great treasure like it says it says in Proverbs 15:6.

Neal: No, now Jason, let me finish, ok? The knowledge of God, you know, being able to determine what God wants you to do and understanding his Word and how he works is far greater than any treasure we could ever find.

Jason: So it isn't a physical treasure.

Neal: No, but I think it is better than a physical treasure.

Jason: I guess you are right! That is pretty neat. *(walks over and picks up a shovel)*

Well I guess I am going to go now.

Neal: Jason, I thought you were through hunting for hidden treasure. Where are you going with that shovel?

Jason: I am, but now I am going to go and dig up the treasure I hid.

Neal: What treasure?

Jason: I took all the money that I made this summer and buried it, you know in a field?

Neal: Let me guess, someone else's field, then you were going to go and buy the field and go and dig it up. Right?

Jason: Exactly, you know, like the parable in Matthew 13.

Neal: Yes, I know the one. Jason, let me come with you and on our way I will explain to you the difference in a parable and real life.

Jason: Ok, that would be great!

Both exit