

# PRICELESS THINGS

*this grace was given, that I should preach among the  
Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ  
Ephesians 3:8*



# WORTHLESS THINGS



The number of  
“**worthless things**” vying  
for our attention, time  
and resources are  
**innumerable.**

It is amazing how we  
can place great **value**  
on things that have **no**  
**practical purpose** or  
provide **no real benefit**  
to our lives!



# The 15 Most Truly Priceless Treasures in the World

<https://www.therichest.com/the-biggest/the-15-most-truly-priceless-treasures-in-the-world/>

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## 1. The Taj Mahal



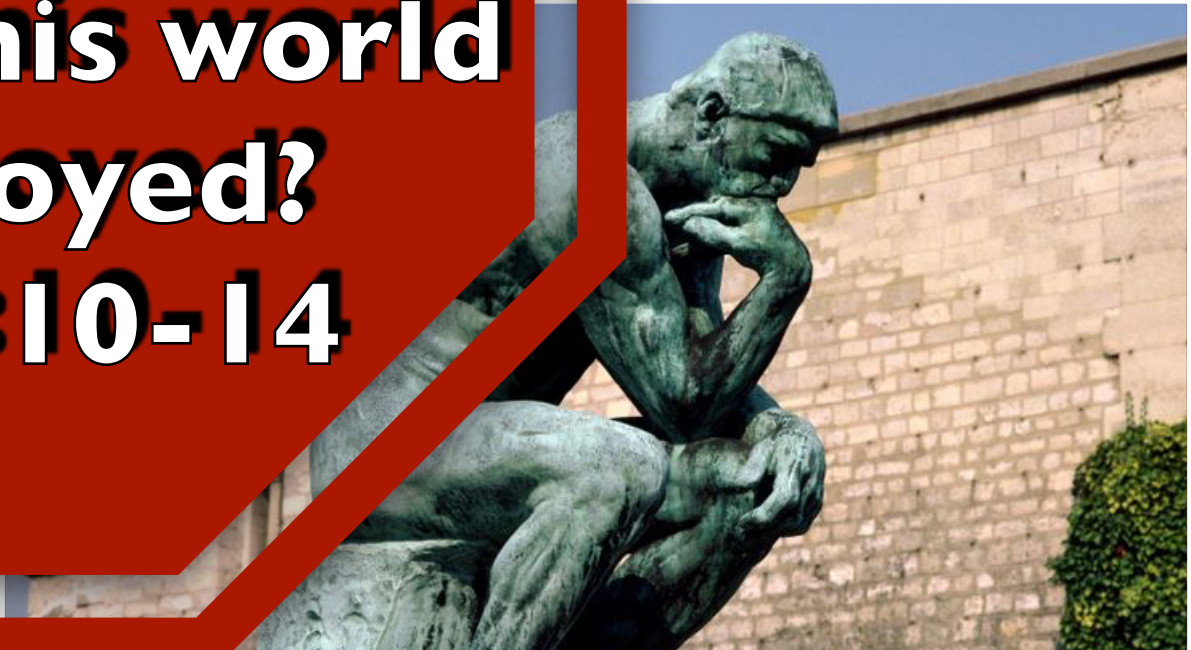
## 2. The Great Wall Of China



## 3. The Great Pyramids



## 4. The Thinker



**How  
VALUABLE will  
any of these things  
be when this world  
is destroyed?  
2 Pet. 3:10-14**



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THE "I AM RICH!" EXERCISE By Economist Robert Heilbroner



- “1. Take out all the furniture in your home except for one table and a couple of chairs. For a bed, use blankets or pads.
2. Take away all of your clothing except for your oldest dress or suit, shirt, or blouse. Leave only one pair of shoes.
3. Empty both the pantry and the refrigerator except for a small bag of flour, some sugar and salt, a few potatoes, some onions, and a dish of dried beans.
4. Dismantle your bathroom, shut off the running water, and remove all the electrical wiring in your house.
5. In fact, take away the house itself and move your family into your storage, garden, or tool shed.”



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- “6. Place your new "house" in a Shantytown, with hundreds of others exactly like it.
7. Cancel all subscriptions to newspapers, magazines, and book clubs. This is no great loss because now you have to imagine that none of you can read, anyway.
8. Imagine there is only one radio for your entire Shantytown.
9. Move the nearest hospital or clinic ten miles away and put a midwife in charge instead of a doctor.
10. Throw away your bank books, stock certificates, pension plans, and insurance policies. Leave the family a cash hoard of ten dollars.”



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11. Give the head of the family a few acres to cultivate, on which he can raise a few hundred dollars of cash crops ... one-third of which will go the landlord and at least one-tenth to the money lenders.
12. Take your average life expectancy and lop off twenty-five years. At least."

**Now you are living in the same conditions in which well over one billion people on the planet live.**

DO WE TRULY APPRECIATE OUR MATERIAL BLESSINGS?

ARE WE USING THEM WISELY?





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IN THIS LIFE That  
Money Will Never Be  
Able To Buy



# 7 Priceless Things That Money Will Never Be Able To Buy

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**1. Time.**



**2. Love.**

**3. Happiness.**

**4. Courage.**



**5. Intellect.**

**6. Purpose.**



**7. A Legacy.**





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Eph. 5:16  
Col. 4:5  
2 Cor. 6:2



**1. Time.**

**2. Love.**



Mk 12:29-31  
1 Cor. 13:13  
Col. 3:14

Phil. 4:6,9,11  
Mat. 5:3-10  
1 Pet. 3:10-12



**3. Happiness.**

**4. Courage.**



Jos. 1:7,9  
Eph. 3:12  
1 Co. 16:13

Prov. 23:23  
Rom. 12:2  
Col. 1:9



**5. Intellect.**

**6. Purpose.**



Ecc. 12:13  
Dan. 1:8  
Phil. 3:12-16

Dt 6:6-9; 20-25  
Eph. 6:4  
2 Tim 3:14,15



**7. A Legacy.**



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The Gospel of the  
KINGDOM

Matthew 13:44–46



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## The Gospel of the KINGDOM

### Matthew 13:44–46 (NKJV)

<sup>44</sup> “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. <sup>45</sup> “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, <sup>46</sup> who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.



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## The Gospel of the KINGDOM

### Ephesians 3:8–12 (NKJV)

<sup>8</sup> To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup> and to make all see what *is* the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ; <sup>10</sup> to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly *places*, <sup>11</sup> according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup> in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him.



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The PRECIOUS  
BLOOD of CHRIST

1 Peter 1:17–21



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## The PRECIOUS BLOOD of CHRIST

### 1 Peter 1:17–21 (NKJV)

<sup>17</sup> And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay *here* in fear; <sup>18</sup> knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, *like* silver or gold, from your aimless conduct *received* by tradition from your fathers, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. <sup>20</sup> He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you <sup>21</sup> who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.



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The RICHES of  
GOD'S GRACE

Ephesians 1:3-14



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## The RICHES of GOD'S GRACE

### Ephesians 1:3–14 (NKJV)

<sup>3</sup> Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ, <sup>4</sup> just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, <sup>5</sup> having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.



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## The RICHES of GOD'S GRACE

### **Ephesians 1:3–14 (NKJV)**

<sup>7</sup> In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace  
<sup>8</sup> which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, <sup>9</sup> having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, <sup>10</sup> that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him.



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## The RICHES of GOD'S GRACE

### Ephesians 1:3–14 (NKJV)

<sup>11</sup> In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, <sup>12</sup> that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory. <sup>13</sup> In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, <sup>14</sup> who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.



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## The RICHES of GOD'S GRACE

THE POVERTY OF THOSE  
OUTSIDE OF CHRIST

Baptized  
Into

THE WEALTH OF  
THOSE IN CHRIST

NO spiritual blessings —  
NOT chosen —  
NOT children of God —  
NOT accepted —  
NO redemption —  
NO forgiveness —  
NO relationship —  
NO assurance —  
ETERNITY in HELL

Rom. 6:3-6  
Gal. 3:26,27  
Acts 2:38,47

ALL spiritual blessings  
Chosen —  
A child of God —  
Accepted —  
Redeemed —  
Forgiven —  
Reconciled —  
Assurance —  
ETERNITY IN HEAVEN



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## The RICHES of GOD'S GRACE

### Revelation 2:8–11 (NKJV)

<sup>8</sup> “And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write, ‘These things says the First and the Last, who was dead, and came to life: <sup>9</sup> “I know your works, tribulation, and poverty (but you are rich); and *I know* the blasphemy of those who say they are Jews and are not, but *are* a synagogue of Satan. <sup>10</sup> Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw *some* of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life. <sup>11</sup> “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death.” ’



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## The POVERTY of THE UNFAITHFUL

### Revelation 3:14–22 (NKJV)

<sup>14</sup> “And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, ‘These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God: <sup>15</sup> “I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. <sup>16</sup> So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. <sup>17</sup> Because you say, ‘I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing’—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked—



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## The POVERTY of THE UNFAITHFUL

### Revelation 3:14–22 (NKJV)

<sup>18</sup> I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, *that* the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. <sup>19</sup> As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent. <sup>20</sup> Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. <sup>21</sup> To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. <sup>22</sup> “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.” ’ ’ ’



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The GOSPEL  
JESUS'S BLOOD

SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS IN CHRIST  
DO WE VALUE THESE THINGS  
AS MUCH AS WE SHOULD?



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Where ARE your VALUES? Mat 6:19-24



**One day this life on earth will end**

- You will either regret for eternity your priorities in this life or you will be eternally happy that you put God first
- If your life ended today - which would it be for you?



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Where ARE your VALUES? Mat 6:19-24

Will you forfeit  
eternal life for  
present  
temporary  
pleasures, or seek  
true riches in  
Christ?  
**YOUR CHOICE!**

**Matthew 16:24–27 (NKJV)**

<sup>24</sup> Then Jesus said to His disciples,  
“If anyone desires to come after Me,  
let him deny himself, and take up his  
cross, and follow Me. <sup>25</sup> For  
whoever desires to save his life will  
lose it, but whoever loses his life for  
My sake will find it. <sup>26</sup> For what  
profit is it to a man if he gains the  
whole world, and loses his own  
soul? Or what will a man give in  
exchange for his soul?







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## Matthew 6:19–25 (NKJV)

<sup>19</sup> “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; <sup>20</sup> but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. <sup>22</sup> “The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. <sup>23</sup> But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great *is* that darkness! <sup>24</sup> “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. <sup>25</sup> “Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?