

Eight Things More Precious than Gold

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I. Introduction.

A. There are eight things more precious than gold from a biblical viewpoint.

II. Our relationship to Almighty God. (Job 22)

A. Our relationship with God can grow by...

1. Receiving Jesus. (1 Corinthians 3:11)

2. Knowing God's Word.

3. Praying.

4. Obedience.

5. Spending time with godly people. (2 Kings 13; Acts 5; Acts 19)

B. There is tremendous power in a holy life. (1 Timothy 4:16, Psalm 1)

III. The Word of God itself. (Psalm 19:7)

A. God uses it to cleanse us. (John 15:3)

B. It is food for our souls. (1 Peter 2:2-3)

C. It directs our lives.

D. It is an offensive tool against the Devil. (Ephesians 6:17)

E. Take in the Word of God by hearing it preached, by reading it, by studying it, by memorizing it and by meditating it.

IV. Wisdom. (Proverbs 3:13-14)

A. We get wisdom by asking for it. (James 1:4)

B. We always find wisdom in Jesus. (Colossians 2:2-3)

V. Our health. (Acts 3)

VI. The trial of our faith. (1 Peter 1:6-7; Hebrews 11:6)

A. Our faith comforts others. (2 Corinthians 4)

B. Our faith allows us to experience the grace of God.

VII. The precious blood of Jesus.

- A. This is our redemption. (Revelation 5; Ephesians 1:7)
- B. It gives us continual cleanliness. (1 John 1:9)
- C. It gives us hope of life.
- D. It is our weapon of warfare. (Revelation 7)

VIII. A good name. (Proverbs 22:1)

- A. God has made people as they are.
- B. God has gifted people sovereignly. (1 Corinthians 12)
- C. God has placed people where they are at. (1 Corinthians 12)

IX. Our lives.

- A. We can invest it in temporal things or eternal things. (2 Peter 3)
- B. Wise people make wise investments.

Application questions:

1. How will you go about growing your relationship with God?

2. How can you make better health conditions to honor the prize God has given you?

3. What are some new ways you can invest the life God has given you to make an impact for eternity? Explain.
