

RELIGION

Scripture of the Week

Matthew 13:3

A GOLDEN TREASURE

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After viewing a movie on the Disney Channel ("The Goose that Laid the Golden Egg"), I was compelled to impart these words of wisdom to you.

In this film, the writer has created a very comical scenario in which a young, talented scientist, who is also a husband and the father to a little son of nine years, has developed a formula to make gold--which he had discovered purely by accident. His son had a big, white duck which ate the formula and began to lay eggs with golden egg yolks.

The young scientist quickly discovers that he can command the duck to lay an egg, upon request, by barking like a dog--but, at a certain pitch. Silly, huh?

The scientist was excited. His wife was excited. His lawyer-friend was excited. But--this duck was a friend and companion to this little boy.

The father's excitement and greed became more and more relentless.

The scientist got so wrapped-up in the value of the golden egg yolks, that the duck was producing, until he had forgotten about the most important treasure---his family. The scientists wanted all conditions to be perfect for this duck but he began to continually overlook the needs of his family.

It wasn't until he was taken to court, by the U.S. Government because he was producing and selling unreported gold illegally, that he began to take a good, hard look at himself and how he had deprived his family of his love and watchfulness because of this duck which

laid golden eggs.

We have all, at some point in time, chosen to cling onto something that shone, we thought, more brightly and more radiantly than what we already had. Like--"the grass is greener on the other side" concept.

Let us examine what has taken place.

Put yourself in the scientist's place. Things are going along fine--just according to God's plan. But--Satan is not happy with your cooperativeness. So--he dangles something in front of your face. He continues to lure you. He gives you something all shiny and attractive. He continues to present it to you; continues to dangle it until you grab the bait. Why did I say bait? Because--that is exactly what it is.

Satan stays on the fish-bank. He has a tackle-box filled with an assortment of shiny lures. And--one of them has your name on it.

The choice to bite or pass up this bait is totally up to you.

Everyday--we are faced with decisions in our Christian walk. But--we cannot rely on our own understanding...our own eyes...our own judgement. We must depend on and look to Jesus; for he promised that he would supply our every need. and--then he would give to us--the crown of life. However, the prerequisite is that we should seek his face...seek his Holy and perfect will. And then, we must stand steadfastly on God's Word. [James 1:12]

We cannot be weak or wavering for

it is then that evil will creep upon you and consume you. If you let it!

Don't give up! Don't give-in! Keep holding on!

There is a brighter day ahead. But--those who worketh iniquity, they shall never get to enjoy God's glory.

8-Steps To The Treasure-House

- Accept the Lord into your life and give him full reign
- Pray for those who despitely use you and say all manner of evil against you.
- Love your enemies.
- Do Not dishonor the poor and think of yourself as being greater than they are.
- Forgive others so that you can be forgiven.
- Never doubt God's promises.
- Be cheerful, humble and stable while you are traveling that narrow road.
- Never allow loneliness to overshadow your day. For--Jesus promised that he'd never leave us alone.

Don't be like the foolish scientist, in the story, by letting shiny things and by letting the pull of the flesh to overpower you or distract you.

Remember to keep your eye on the real gold, which is the ultimate prize, and continue to press toward the mark of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. [Philippians 3:14]

Building Strong Families Theme Of Revival



A three-parish revival will feature the Rev. Maurice Jabari Yohance Blackwell of Baltimore, Md. St. Andrew, Holy Redeemer and Immaculate Heart churches are sponsoring the revival under the auspices of the Portland Black Catholic Caucus. It runs from Nov. 9 through 12. All services will take place at St. Andrew, N.E. 9th and Alberta, 7:30-9 p.m.

This year's theme is "Strengthen-

ing Family Values." The theme was selected in keeping with the National Black Catholic congress' emphasis on the Black Family in America. Black Catholics from throughout the country met this summer in New Orleans to discuss various aspects of renewing ties with their African culture.

Rev. Blackwell is pastor of St. Edwards's Roman Catholic Church. The Baltimore native was ordained as

one of Baltimore's first African-american priests in 1974. In 1979 he was appointed the first diocesan African-american pastor for the archdiocese of Baltimore.

A national figure in leadership training, vocational and retreat work, Blackwell's emphasis is on development of leadership in the church and community; parish commitment to community; youth and self and the family, among others.

An alumnus of Towson Catholic High School, Portsmouth Abbey, Sacred Heart College and St. Mary's Seminary/University, Blackwell serves on a number of organizations: the One Church-One Child board, Maryland chapter; Prince Hall Masons, Mt. Labanon Lodge #22; Archdiocesan Office of African-American Ministries, director; Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc., Zeta Sigma chapter, social action chair; Knights of Peter Claver, St. Benedict the Moor Council; National Black Catholic Congress Office, consultant; national Black Catholic Clergy Caucus, board member and Holy Name Society, St. Edward's chapter.

The revival concludes with youth night on Thursday, Nov. 12, followed by a reception hosted by the Ladies of St. Peter Claver Court #225. The public is invited to attend.

St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church
 8101 N. Fiske Avenue
 Portland, Oregon 97203
 Church Phone: 289-0147 Study Phone: 289-1911

Sunday Service 10:45
Sunday School 9:30
Bible Study 6:00
Evening Service 7:00 P.M.

Pastor, Rev. James C.E. Faulkner

Theme: Whatever you're going to do for the Lord, do it now
 I Peter 4:11

Mallory Avenue Church Of Christ Announcement

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When?
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Where?
 Mallory Avenue Church of Christ
 3908 NE Mallory Ave. • Portland, OR 97211
 For further information contact: Pat Gamble at 503-288-1092

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 Portland, Oregon 97211
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 Phillip S. Nelson Pastor

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 Church School 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
 Bible Study, Wednesdays, 116 N.E. Schuyler
 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

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Church Office 116 N.E. Schuyler St.
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Be Responsible VOTE

Metropolitan Community Church

It's tough to watch your life and values be voted on. So, people of Faith Against Bigotry, Cascade AIDS Project, Phoenix Rising, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, the Oregon Psychological Association, Twist, and Metropolitan Community Church of Portland are cooperating to create safe, alcohol and drug free places of community to watch the election returns on November 3rd.

Sites will be open from 7:00 pm to as late as 11:00 pm, except for MCC which will be open all night. P/FLAG will have parents at each location to provide support and help with hospitality. Phoenix Rising and OPA are arranging for counselors to be present. If you want to be in a supportive community for all or part of the night, just drop in at one of the following: Cascade AIDS Project (620 SW 5th); Peace Lutheran Church (2201 N Portland Blvd.); First Congregational Church (1126 SW Park); Metropolitan Community Church (1644 NE 24th); Milwaukie Presbyterian Church (2416 SE Lake Rd., Milwaukie); Unitarian Universalist Congregation (Tualatin area, call 648-8112 or 233-5415 for exact location).

At midnight a rally is being held at MCC (1644 NE 24th). Speakers and music by Mary Rose and Yvonne Simmons will begin our process of healing from this divisive, stinging campaign. All are welcome, whether they were at the earlier gathering places or not. The rally will be interpreted by singers and there will be reserved seating areas for those with HIV related or signing needs. The building is wheelchair accessible, the restrooms are not. MCC will remain open throughout the night for anyone needing to just drop in.

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9:45am Sunday School
 11:00am Morning Worship
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