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Digging for nuggets!

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I have been amazed at how the Lord has hidden his "nuggets" of truth in his scriptures. Why would He do that? The first thought that comes to my mind is that He wants to reveal His thoughts to the people that diligently seek Him. He has said that if you "seek you will find". The question is are we diligent enough to read his word and to seek what it all means or are we just coming to church and expecting the preacher or the Sunday school teacher to tell us the nuggets of truth hidden in his word? "Study to show yourself approved." (2 Tim 2:15)

It is important for us to have a thorough understanding of the word. The nuggets are there to find if we will dig for them. The first thing for me is to believe that the bible is the inspired word of God. I believe what God has said is true. He cannot lie! We may not understand something that is

written but that doesn't mean its not true. Sometimes I am reading one of the prophets and realize that he is talking about a current event but that it has future meaning. That is why we need to know the full bible and have some understanding of history to be able to understand the hidden (nugget) meaning. It is necessary to have the Holy Spirit in us to help us interpret the meaning.

The disciples of Jesus had a hard time understanding that Jesus was to die on the cross after he had said it several times. If they had the remembrance of Isiah 53 and understood the hidden meaning (nugget) it would have been clear to them that He must suffer death for our sake. The Holy Spirit did not reveal this to them until later. How much more is in the scriptures that is hidden from us today because we don't have a good understanding or haven't read it or have not read other scripture that would clarify it for us.

It is all tied together. It is one book with one continuous message that covers God's relationship with man over a long history and future. It may have 66 books and written by many authors, but it has a continuous message that is eternal. "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away" (Matt 24:35).

Jesus taught in parables (nuggets). They were hidden stories about principals of the kingdom. The disciples asked why he used parables and he said, "the secrets of the kingdom belong to you but not to them". I interpret that to mean to all true believers but not to the world. Many will be ever hearing but never understanding. I know he was talking to the Jews of that day, but I believe it applies to people that don't hear today. Read Matthew 13 to get the full story.

I will be digging for nuggets over the next few weeks and will share my treasures I find with you in future publications of Howard's Corner.

Maybe God has a nugget of truth for you. Let's get our shovels and start digging!



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