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DIGGING FOR GOLD

I have never dug for gold, but I have watched enough movies to see that it is not an easy task. Gold may be found on the surface like it was in the California gold rush, but that isn't generally the case. One must "mine" the gold. It takes hard work to dig down into the ground and have a "mine" that could collapse if not supported correctly. Many a digger of gold became wealthy through this kind of hard work.

As a child I grew up in a church that didn't encourage its attendees to bring a bible to the services. At age 11 or 12, they presented a bible to those that joined the church, but it was never discussed about reading or even studying it. One cannot get much out of a bible unless one has been born again, because the bible speaks from the Spirit. My bible sat on a shelf for a long time.

Yes, I was saved young but had no one to give me direction. When I was about 28, I purchased a new bible called the "Open Bible." It had wonderful study outlines and interpreted words in sentences so one could understand it better. I found myself "digging" into the scripture, hungry to learn more. Every time I found a new promise, I felt like I had found a "gold nugget." It became a way of life for me. That one bible changed my life. I still have that bible, and it is quite worn out.

Just like gold in the ground is rarely found on the surface, those "gold nuggets" I found in that bible had to be dug out too. It takes hard work and persistence to find those nuggets, but when you do, they are life changing.

What about you? Are you digging for gold in your bible, or is it like an old mine shaft that sits closed most of the time? If the latter is true, I challenge you to start digging. It will change your life. It did for me.