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DIGGING FOR GOLD

I have never had the opportunity to go “panning” for gold. From the stories of the past, it was quite an adventure. Men and women would give up their life’s savings to venture to California to try to find gold. They would wade in water and use a sifter to sift the sand and mud through it in hopes that they would find a “nugget”. Many found great fortunes. Most gold is not found that way. It is in the ground and must be dug out. There are many gold mines, and it is hard work to break through the earth and dig. There is great expense in doing this. There is also danger, because if the mine has a problem it can collapse on the ones that are inside it. Most gold is never found on the surface. It is hidden away deep in the earth.

I view God’s Word like a gold mine. It is full of treasure, but you do not find it on the surface. It may take years to dig through scriptures to find a hidden treasure that becomes valuable to you. Many Christians do not want to spend the time digging through the Word. They want someone else to dig for them. That may be okay in the walk of a new Christian, but those that have been Christians a long time should learn how to dig for themselves.

How do you learn to dig? It comes by faith. How do you get faith? It comes by hearing. Who do you listen to? Listen to those that have paid the price and preach the word with an anointing.

The Christian that thinks it is going to be an easy walk has been misled. It is not an easy walk. It is a crucified walk. If it were easy then it wouldn’t take faith to walk it. Like gold deeply hidden in the earth, the “gold” has to be sought and dug out.

Many people fail in their walk with God because they haven’t been taught the principle of “digging in”. They often hear a feel-good message that doesn’t challenge them to grow. In the natural, to get to the gold you have to sift through a lot of dirt by digging. Likewise, in the Christian walk, we have to sift through the garbage in our lives that is revealed when we dig into the pure gold of the Word.

Are you taking your Christian walk seriously, or are you letting someone else do all the digging? You have a choice. Is it easy? NO! Yet, I can tell you it is worth it. I have been “digging” into the word for over many years, and I find new priceless, golden nuggets every time I dig. You can do it to! If you haven’t been “digging” then start today. You won’t regret it. Be blessed to be a blessing!