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There are many stories about treasure hunters; people discovering a map with secret codes. They follow every possible clue to discover the treasure that was hidden by someone a long time ago. While the treasure hunter is searching for the treasure, his focus is completely on it. His whole life is focused on the discovery of the treasure.

Are you a treasure hunter too? According to the Lord Jesus Christ we are all spending our time looking for treasure. His advice for us is: “Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Mat. 6:20-21).

Let us think about this for a moment. The Lord Jesus says: “Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also”. We thus have to ask ourselves: Where is my heart? Whatever my treasure in this life is, it has an influence on my thoughts, my emotions and on my actions. What am I thinking of most of the time? What am I talking about?

The moment the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit, they were speaking about the wonderful works of God. Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. What is your heart filled with? What is bubbling up out of your innermost being? Whatever dominates your life, determines what you are thinking of, what you are doing and what you are speaking.

Where your treasure is, there is your heart. To determine where your heart is, just see what you are thinking about most. Say for instance if someone would project your thoughts on a big screen, what conclusion would people come to regarding what is really

important to you? Let us think about it and ask ourselves: Where is my treasure? Is it in heaven? Or does it consist of things of this earth? Is your treasure like the lost son's, or like the treasure of someone that is already saved?

The call of the Lord Jesus Christ to those following Him, is clear: “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal”.

The question is: How do I lay up treasures in heaven? Jesus is not talking about something that needs to be done to inherit eternal life. He is talking to people who already believe in Him. The context of these verses is where Jesus is teaching His followers to not be anxious about what to eat or drink or what to wear. It is exactly those things that cause us to be caught up in the things of this world.

A real threat to Christians' walk with God is that, even when we do things for the Lord, we do it in such a way that other people will honor us for it. The Lord Jesus Christ says that if we do it like that, we have received our treasure here on earth already - there will not be any reward, when you appear before Him (2 Cor. 5:10). We thus lose our heavenly reward when we do something in order for people to admire us. The Lord Jesus says, “Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward” (Mat. 6:2).

In 1 Corinthians 3:13 Paul says that each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work.

The people whose work remains standing, even after being tested by fire, will receive their reward. On the other hand, those whose work is destroyed by fire will suffer loss; but they themselves will be saved.

Although they will be in heaven, they will always know that during their lifetime they did not use the opportunities that God gave them to use for the expansion of His kingdom. They were focused more on the troubles, pleasures and desires of this life (1 John 2:15-17).

It is interesting to see what Paul wrote to the church in Philippi when they managed to send him a donation. He said that he rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at last their care for him has flourished again (Phil. 4:10). Then he makes an interesting remark in verse 17. He says that he is not eager for the gift, but that he seeks “the fruit that abounds to your account”. (Amplified translation: the fruit which increases to your credit [the harvest of blessing that is accumulating to your account]). They gave what the Lord told them to give. It was for him for both his personal needs and for his ministry. Their obedience laid up treasure in heaven. It is fruit that abounds to their account.

A child of God can do a myriad of things to accumulate treasures in heaven. The relationship that you have with God determines what you do for Him. It is not something that one can plan. As we read His Word and meditate on it every day, it must influence our lives. The life of obedience to the voice

Angus Buchan says in his latest book: “Jesus Christ had to die on the Cross of Calvary, so that you and I could have eternal life. There's nothing cheap about the Gospel. It's expensive. We must be prepared to go the extra mile for the Lord. If it means sleeping in strange beds, if it means travelling, then we must do it. If it means working extra hours, then it must happen. If it means going without for the sake of the lost, then it must happen. But it must happen voluntarily, willingly and joyfully.”

Angus Buchan, Come of Age, Maranatha Christian Publishers, 2010, p. 260

month to complete a DVD. Different projects take more or less time to complete. It is therefore not always possible to tell when a project will be completed.

For those of you that have only recently become acquainted with this ministry, we would like to mention that Kerugma Productions is a faith venture. We have been working since 1995 and in 1998 my wife and I went full time. We are trusting the Lord for every cent necessary. Financially speaking this is a very expensive ministry. All the equipment, the cameras, the edit stations, etc., are expensive and where necessary, need to be upgraded. Our aim is to give people the News that they need to hear, at the same high standard at which they hear the regular daily news. To do that, we need to pay a high price, but the testimonies that we receive because of this, show that it is worth it.

Through the years, God provided for us in wonderful ways. Children of God that watched our DVDs spontaneously helped and gave to give others also the opportunity to see these productions.

We want to ask you to pray and ask the Lord if He does not want to use you to support this ministry. With every new DVD that we release, we wish we could send it to our complete mailing list for everybody to see. We work many hours on each project and when we are finished we are excited to show it to the world.

Due to a lack of finances, we have no other way to advertise the productions other than by e-mail. Slowly some people would start to order, and by word of mouth more people learn to know about it. It also becomes known through the Club members. If every one of you can get every new DVD that we release, you will become part of the team that distributes the message through this country. Not only will the ministry benefit from your contribution, but also you will have the opportunity to tell many more people how you benefited spiritually from the DVDs.

At the moment we are overwhelmed by the challenge of all the different opportunities to spread the gospel. So many technological inventions create unbelievable opportunities for the spreading of the gospel. We are required to have our products available in so many different formats, from Blu-Ray discs for those people that already have the full HD screens, to the smallest format for the iPods and even cell phones. This way many people even in areas where nobody is allowed to preach the gospel, will be able to hear the message. But, to keep up with all these new developments, we need to do a lot of research, and we need not only manpower but also finances. We can only do that if the children of God will contribute in obedience to Him. Therefore we want to ask you to pray and ask the Lord if He does not want you to contribute financially towards this ministry.

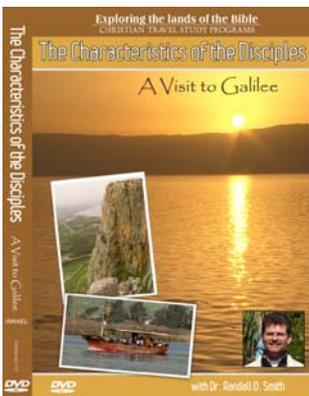
On page 2 you will find a form that you may complete and return to us. We want to assure you that every cent given towards this ministry, will most definitely be used to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ. Nobody benefits financially from it. Funds given for a specific cause, will be used for that alone. We would really like to send you every new release. We therefore wait to hear from you.

Greetings in His Name
Naas en Marina le Roux

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THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE DISCIPLES

This DVD is the latest addition to the series: EXPLORING THE LANDS OF THE BIBLE



In this DVD Dr. Randall Smith takes the viewer on tour to the northwestern shore of the Sea of Galilee. From different vantage points on the Mounts of Beatitude and Arbel we observe the stretch of land where 70% of all the Galilean teachings of Jesus took place.

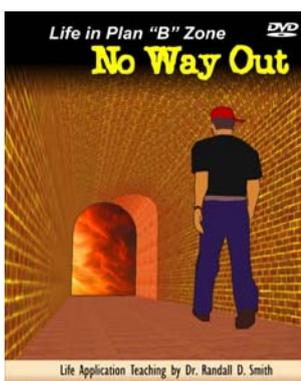
While surveying the panoramic vistas seen from these mountains, Randall takes us back in history, explaining the world in which the men, chosen by Jesus to be his disciples, grew up.

Randall explains from the Sermon on the Mount just how Jesus sets the standard for those who want to follow Him. What a change in their lives this brought about...no wonder the lives of Jesus' first followers were changing the world, wherever they set foot.

Running time: 47 minute (including a bonus video)

R100.00

The 2 DVDs, **NO WAY OUT** and **SIGNIFICANCE** was filmed in Grace Church of Sebring, Florida, USA where Dr. Randall Smith is senior pastor.



NO WAY OUT

The popular thought these days is that God is a God of love that will never allow people to go to hell. Dr. Randall Smith shows from Zechariah 11 that the God of the Bible is a loving God for sure. From the way He worked in the lives of His chosen people, Israel, we can see that He always warns His People in advance. From the time that He gives His warning till the time that it comes true is grace time. But if the warning is not heeded, the consequences have to be faced.

This message is a serious warning to everybody still able to heed the warning of a loving God.

Running time: 53 minute

R100.00

