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A man once parked his bicycle on a fence next to a golf course. A few times a week he would look for golf balls and sell them back to the people who had lost them.

On this day his bicycle got stolen. But unfortunately, on his bike was a plastic bag which had his bank books, his passport and \$1,000 dollars in it.



The thief stole the bicycle and threw the plastic bag over a fence that was close by, having no idea what was in the bag, and he drove off with the cheap bicycle not even interested in what was in the bag. If only he had known what was in it! But he was ignorant of the fact that what was in it was valuable.

A farmer found the plastic bag with the money, bankbooks and passport in it. A few weeks had passed and he saw the man, whose photo was in the passport at a bus stop so he stopped to ask him if he had lost anything. The man thought the farmer had found his bicycle...but he was very pleased to find out that he had found his bag!

This true story is a picture many people's Life. Most people take the cheap stuff and throw the worthwhile things away. The cheap stuff are things like houses, cars, land, money, sports, expensive clothes, and other things. These things that you can't take with you when you die.

But most people can't be bothered with God and knowing and obeying God's Word, the Holy Bible. They think it is like garbage and they could just as well throw it away or disregard consulting it in their daily life. So like the thief, so to speak, they toss it over the fence as so much refuse!

But they really don't Know just what they are throwing away!

They are throwing away Jesus' offer of forgiveness for their sins purchased by His precious, innocent blood which only He could provide and the promise of a Home in Heaven if we are faithful to Him.

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They're throwing away the Peace that comes with knowing that they are forgiven and saved if they endure in the faith until the end of their life; obeying what the Bibles says and being submitted unto Jesus. "He that endureth to the end shall be saved."
Matthew 10:22

They're throwing away the joy and contentment that only Jesus can give by being his child, His purchased possession.

"Therefore, being justified by Faith, we have Peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" Romans 5:1

"But godliness with contentment is Great Gain!" 1 Timothy 6:6

They're throwing away the plan, without knowing it, that Jesus had for their life He wanted them to fulfill.

If the thief had realized what was in the Bag, he wouldn't have carelessly tossed it away...but he didn't look!

Maybe it just looks like a "worthless plastic bag." in your mind's eye. But take it from someone who has delved into it for life's meaning and found nothing but Truth and Guidance, Learning and Instruction and Great Comfort, and Wisdom and many other things. I have found that it is worth more than all the treasure in the world!

God has provided it for us for our use, so that we can get to know Him and how He thinks and teach us how to think and act. How to live and move and have our being.

When you start reading and pondering on this Awesome, Life Giving Book...the books of all books, and believe what it says, you have just dug into a Gold Mine... Psalm 119:162 puts it like this: "I rejoice at Thy Word, as one that findeth Great Spoils!"

Then we find the Way, the Truth and the Life: no man cometh unto the Father but by Me," Jesus said. John 14:6

Final verses of reference:

"Your iniquities have turned away these things, and you sins have withholden GOOD things from you." Jeremiah 5:25

"The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is Eternal Life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23

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