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The cheap stuff are things like houses, cars, money, sport, etc. But people can't be bothered with God and the Bible. They think that is just rubbish, and just like the thief they chuck it over the fence. But really, **they don't know what they're throwing away!!**

They're throwing away a home in Heaven for eternity. They're throwing away a peace that comes from knowing that your sins are forgiven.

They're throwing away a happiness that only comes from loving and obeying God. They're throwing away real purpose in life. They're throwing away the love that someone has for them that is far greater than anyone else's love. They're throwing away the only person that can really help. They're throwing away the only person that really loves and understands them. They're throwing away the only person who can forgive and save them from their sins. If that thief had of realized what was in the bag, he wouldn't have thrown it away, I'm sure! But he didn't even look!

If you really realized what is in the Bible, you wouldn't throw it away. But have you even looked? Maybe it just looks like a 'worthless plastic bag.' But take it from someone who has looked, it is worth far more than \$900.00, a passport, and some bank books.

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