

Buried Treasure In Your Back Yard

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Did you ever dream as a child, of finding buried treasure in your back yard? Did you ever imagine some pirate might have buried a chest full of gold and treasure and that it was buried in your back yard just waiting for you to find it? Ok, so maybe it's just me. I had an active imagination, but that imagination provided many hours of fun filled adventure and play for the boys in our neighborhood.

But now, suppose with me that you really knew there was indeed a treasure buried in your back yard. Suppose someone could guarantee there was indeed a buried treasure worth millions, somewhere in your back yard. Question: What would you do, and how would you go about it?

Well, if you're anything like me, your back yard would be full of pot holes, and probably your neighbor's as well. One thing I am absolutely certain I wouldn't do is quit looking for the treasure if after the first hole I dug, I didn't discover the treasure. As a matter of fact, if I found that digging with a pick and shovel became too difficult, I wouldn't stop, but I would simply rent some heavier equipment to get the job done. And it wouldn't take me years and years to get the back yard dug up. It would be a priority that I wouldn't quit on until I had unearthed my treasure.

Here's the point. Solomon said we need to seek wisdom, understanding, and knowledge like we would a buried treasure. Listen to him: "If you seek her as silver, and search for her as for hidden treasures; then you will understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God" (Proverbs 2:4-5).

Question: Do you pursue the knowledge of God as you would a buried treasure? Are you as diligent in digging into the word of God for spiritual treasures as you would be digging in your back yard for silver and gold? Maybe we need to rethink our priorities. After all, the mother of all treasure chests would pale in comparison to the treasures that can be uncovered in the word of God.