

New Life Christian Fellowship

Millions of us love X-Factor, but why? Is it the singing or is it seeing peoples dreams come true? We all have dreams that we would like to see fulfilled. Sadly, many who gain fame and fortune become unhappy – there must be something more, something that lasts!

Jesus said “Don’t store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.” Mathew 6:19-21

This world thinks it is all about fame, fortune, popularity; but, at the end of the day, “you can't take it with you!”.

How can we store up heavenly treasures? It is not by dutifully doing good works, putting on a big show. It is more like this: “..when you give to someone in need, don’t let your left hand know what your right hand is doing. Give your gifts in private, and your Father, who sees everything, will reward you.” Jesus (Mathew 6). A person is rewarded for genuinely helping someone in need. It is our heart's attitude that will be rewarded.

Lots of people who believe in God have abandoned worldly fortunes for the hope of heavenly rewards. Moses was raised like a son to Pharaoh, yet he gave this up for the freedom of his people. God rewarded him greatly. “...others were tortured, refusing to turn from God in order to be set free. They placed their hope in a better life after the resurrection..... Some died by stoning, some were sawed in half, and others were killed with the sword. Some went about...destitute and oppressed and mistreated. They were too good for this world, wandering over deserts and mountains, hiding in caves and holes in the ground.” The Bible.

These faithful people got no earthly rewards, but God saw all they did in his name, and rewards them greatly. We too can be rewarded in heaven. Not by putting on a show, but because of the genuine love we show for God and others.

Worldly treasures are great, but they do not last. Heavenly treasures last forever – I wonder what our heavenly treasure chests look like today?

New Life Christian Fellowship meet in Kilgetty Community Centre, 10.45am on Sundays. Please call if you want someone to talk to or pray for you. 01834 831533 / 07827 293781.