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“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Matthew 6:21 (NKJV)

Thought for today...

Between 1896 and 1899, it is estimated that 100,000 people migrated to the Klondike region of Yukon in north-western Canada, to become gold prospectors, as a result of local miners discovering gold there in August 1896.

Before crossing the Canadian border, potential prospectors were required by law to have on hand a year's worth of supplies and gold mining equipment. Miners had to obtain a license that would enable them to prospect for gold. If a suitable location was found, prospectors had to stake their claim, a process that required them to literally drive stakes into the ground a measured distance apart, thus giving them mining rights over the plot, provided that they paid the requisite fee to register the claim.



Prospectors had to register their claims within 3 days. In the event that claims were left for more than 3 days without good reason, other prospectors were entitled to make a claim on the same plot. Of the initial 100,000 who set off hoping to discover gold, it is estimated that between 30-40,000 completed the trip. Many became disheartened along the way and gave up, whilst others died on the long and perilous route. Of those who reached the Klondike river, approximately 4,000 struck gold, with just a few hundred becoming rich.

Just like the gold prospectors of yesteryear, many people today are willing to uproot their lives and travel great distances in search of hidden treasure, wealth and prosperity. Seeking to find something that will change the lives of their families for generations to come, they are unaware that the greatest treasure anyone can find is Jesus Christ, and that He is only a prayer away.

The gospel of Matthew offers us some sound advice: **“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.”** Matthew 6:19-20 (New King James Version).

The Book of Proverbs gives a stark warning: **‘Those who trust in their riches will fall, but the righteous will thrive like a green leaf.’** Proverbs 11:28 (New International Version).

There are some who may boast: **“... I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing”**, however, Jesus says that such people **“do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked.”** Revelation 3:17 (New King James Version).

Rather than gold prospectors, let us seek to be God prospectors, seeking to unearth the treasures that are hidden in His Word. Our bank balance may not increase over night, but God has promised that He will supply all our needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:19 NKJV).



If you have discovered the treasure that is Christ Jesus, rejoice because you have struck gold!