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“If I only had a million dollars....” I’ve heard that line before; I may have said it myself once or twice. I don’t say it much anymore since I’m on my second million now (I knew I’d never see that first million so I went straight to the second). I think it’s kind of like the Peter Principle: since I manage what I have so poorly, I must be at the top of my financial capacity already and it would be a danger to all involved if I were burdened with anything more. But, what if you **did** have a million dollars? What would you do with it?

The mind swoons under the burden of listing the next expensive distraction to acquire, use once and put it into that ever-bulging storage bin at Cow House Storage. Where would you travel? Some exotic port where the temperature is always 74-degrees and the beach sand never clings your swim trunks? Wait, what if you had even more than a million dollars? In fact (and you probably saw this coming), what if you have something far more valuable, where moth and rust do not corrupt and no one could steal (Matthew 6:19)? And, what if it grew exponentially the faster you gave it away? (We just left the planet on that last point).

Every Christian possesses greater riches than anything this world could possibly provide. The Gospel Message is so valuable that upon hearing and obeying it, people for centuries have found real meaning in life and accessed a peace that passes all understanding. “*O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God!*” (Romans 11:33). No other investment renders such eternal returns as does the Divine treasure God gives to us freely.

“*But we have this **treasure** in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us*” (2 Corinthians 4:7, ESV). This treasure grows as we share it, gratifies with such consolation and joy, and gives greater hope than owning the whole world; its priceless! “*Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God*” (1 Corinthians 4:1). “*For what is a man profited, if he gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his own soul?*” (Matthew 16:26).