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The Treasure of Christ

1. Look at chapter 2, verse 1, of Colossians. Discuss Paul's intensity in his concern for others?

2. What did the apostle Paul want to see accomplished in the lives of other believers, according to verse 2?

What's the difference between "knowledge" of the Word and "understanding" of the Word?

Why are both necessary in the Christian life?

3. How can Christians in 2006 develop and maintain the kind of love and devotion for other brethren, as mentioned in verse 2?

What does this kind of concern look like in every day life?

4. God has a reality show called *Treasure Island*. According to verse 3, what can we expect to find in God's buried treasure chest?

5. Look at Proverbs 3:13-18 to discover a treasure worth finding. What are some of the "riches" of God's treasure?

6. We have the map, we have the assurance of treasure—what do we need to do to find and assimilate that treasure? See Proverbs 2:1-9 and then answer.

Colossians 2:1-3 ¹For I want you to know what a great conflict I have for you and those in Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh, ²that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, and attaining to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ, ³in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

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Monday

How often and how intently do you struggle in prayer or care for other believers? Paul said it was indeed a struggle, but we also know it's essential in the process of building disciples. What can you do to show your concern for people, especially Christians?

Tuesday

If knowledge or understanding is an accumulation of facts, how deeply do you understand the Word? What goal can you set to improve your understanding of the Bible in 2006?

Wednesday

Understanding God's Word (insight) goes hand in hand with yielding to His working in your life. If we want God's insights, we must yield to His Spirit as He works. What specific issue do you need to yield to God today?

Thursday

Wisdom is putting knowledge into practice. Would others say you are a wise and growing believer? If so, thank God for it, and continue to grow. If not, how can you apply a truth you've learned this week?

Friday

God has promised us an abundance of real-life reasons to seek Him. List some of the treasures of knowledge and wisdom that God has for you?

Saturday

LORD, our treasure is in Jesus Christ. Thank You for allowing us to know and apply Your real-life answers to our real-life problems. Thank You for that incomparable treasure...
