

## Camp Copass Boys Camp 2007 – Bible Study #4

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**Theme: Treasure Hunter**

**"Key to the Treasure"**

Memory Verse: "He will be the sure foundation for your times, a rich store of salvation and wisdom and knowledge, the fear of the Lord is the key to this treasure." Isaiah 33:6

Bible Study: Isaiah 33:5-6; Proverbs 24:3-4

Object: To help boys understand that reverence for God is the key that opens the storehouse of God's treasure for them.

Most treasure chests we have seen in the movies or on TV have a lock that requires a key to open it. Our two Bible texts today talk about a secret that can fill our lives with "rare and beautiful treasures" and a key that opens the wonderful treasure God has for us.

### **1. The Secret (Proverbs 24:3-4)**

First, the secret to a life filled with treasure. The wise writer of Proverbs says, "**By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures.**" The house he is talking about means your life. And "wisdom" and "understanding" refer to your knowledge of God and your understanding of His will for your life. We have already seen this week that when the Bible talks about "treasure," it means salvation and everything that is included with it; things like –

- *the forgiveness of our sins*
- *becoming a child of God*
- *eternal life in heaven*
- *happiness, and*
- *God's daily blessings on our lives.*

Knowing Jesus is how we get wisdom. And the more we know about Jesus the more He fills our lives with wonderful treasures. Every time you read your Bible, pray or learn a truth about Jesus from a Bible story in Sunday School, you are adding some more treasure to a room in your house (life). If you keep it up all your life, soon your whole house will be full of God's wonderful treasures. The Bible calls it "rare and beautiful." It is rare because not everyone has this treasure; it is beautiful because everything about it is pure and good and helpful to you. As a young person you should begin to fill the rooms of your heart with this wonderful treasure of knowing Jesus.

### **2. The Key (Isaiah 33:5-6)**

The Isaiah Scripture reminds us that God is the one who provides justice (fairness for everyone) and righteousness (being right with God), and He is "the sure foundation for your times." He has a "rich store of salvation and wisdom and knowledge." Now, how do we get this rich treasure from God's storehouse to ours? The treasure is locked up but God has given us the key to open it. This verse tells us "**the fear of the Lord is the key to this treasure**" (verse 6). Fear of the Lord means respect and reverence for Him. It means you believe in Him and you trust Him you will want to obey Him and not to disappoint Him.

*Your parents love you and want to provide the best for you. They have rules for you to obey because they want to help you build the best life possible. It is even more so true with God, your Heavenly Father. He has rules for us to obey that He knows are best for us. The more we obey Him the more we gain wisdom that will add to the treasure of our lives.*

### **For Discussion:**

1. Have you ever had a treasure box that you kept locked? What was in your treasure box?
2. As you have gotten older; how has your idea about what treasure really is changed? How? How do you think it might change as you get older?
3. Sometimes we think our parents never want us to have any fun because they have so many rules for us to obey. But what would life be like if there were no rules at all?
4. What rules does God have for us to obey? What treasures does it add to your life when you obey God's rules?