

A DRINK FROM THE SPRING 8-23-10

**This Week's Thought:** Values; *"the things in life that are most important to you."*

**This Week's Quote:** *"Aim at heaven and you'll get earth thrown in. Aim at earth and you'll get neither."*  
.....C. S. Lewis

**This Week's Prayer Concern:** Two community outreach events will be happening during September at Maple Spring. An Outdoor Worship Service will be held September 12 at the Grove. Revival Services will be held September 26-28. May we use these opportunities to encourage and invite others to attend.

**This Week's Scripture:** *"If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God."* (Colossians 3:1)

A little girl had accidentally dropped a small coin into her mother's prize vase. Naturally, she put her little hand in to recover it, but found as she gripped the coin and held it tight, she was unable to withdraw her hand; so she screamed and struggled to get her hand free. Her cries attracted the other members of the family who all advised and pleaded with her to open her hand and withdraw it with ease. However, she would not let go of the precious little coin and continued to squirm and scream. Finally, the costly vase had to be broken; and with her fist tightly clenched, she screamed, "I've still got it!" The far more costly vase was sacrificed for the sake of the small coin.

What are your values? What in life is most important to you? It's my prayer that we all would see the "big picture." Values are an issue of the heart. Where we invest is where our rewards will be. May we all invest in the Kingdom of God daily.

Serving With You,

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