

Mission: What is your life worth? What changed its worth? (10 min)

Read “The Touch Of The Master’s Hand”.

- Who are the people in your life that have cared for you and believed in you in such a way that changed your sense of your worth and value?
- How can you use the gifts God has given you in time, talents and treasures to bless them in such a way that they come to know and feel God’s smile and delight in them.

‘Twas battered and scarred,
and the old auctioneer thought it
scarcely worth his while
to waist much time on the old violin,
but he held it up with a smile.

“What am I bid, good folks he cried”,
“Who’ll start the biddin’ for me?”
“A dollar, a dollar then two,
Two dollars, who make it three?”
Three dollars once, three dollars twice,
going and gone said he.”

But, no.
From the room far back a gray-haired man
came up and picked up the bow,
Then wiping the dust off the old violin
And tightening its loosened strings
He played a melody
Pure and sweet like a caroling angel sings.

The music ceased and the old auctioneer,
With a voice that was quiet and low,
Said, “What am I bid for the old violin?”
“A thousand, a thousand,
Who will make it two,
Two thousand who’ll make it three
Three thousand once, Three thousand twice
Going and gone, said he.

The people cheered and some of them cried
We don’t quite understand
What changed its worth?
Swift came the reply,
The touch of the master’s hand.

Many a man with life out of tune
Is broken and scarred with sin
Is auctioned cheap to the thoughtless crowd
Much like that old violin

A mess of pottage, a glass of wine,
A game and he’s traveling on

He is going once, he is going twice
He is going and almost gone.

But the Master comes,
And the foolish crowd never quite understands
The worth of the soul
And the change that's wrought
By
The Touch of the Master's Hand