

In 1992, Cara Wood was 17 years old and working at a restaurant in her hometown of Chagrin Falls, OH. She was a good employee – but she had no idea she was about to inherit \$500,000 from one of her customers. Bill Cruyton was 82 years old and always sat in her section, eating daily at the restaurant. When he passed, Wood was stunned to find out she was named as an heir. She had always been kind to him but never thought anything like this was going to happen. The news of her great inheritance was a complete and total shock.

As Christians we are reminded that someday in the future God is going to reward acts of love and kindness done in His name by His people. In Hebrews 6:10 we read the words: ‘God is not so unjust as to forget your work and the love which you have shown towards His name in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints.’

The bible teaches that salvation is by grace, but also that there is reward for faithful service and obedience in His name. Because of Christ’s atonement, God forgets our sins - - - but He never forgets our acts of love shown towards Him and others done for His name’s sake.

Many of you have faithfully reached out and ministered to those in our community with various needs. Your labors of love and acts of compassion do not go unnoticed by God. Let heavenly reward be the treasure you pursue as you seek to live out your faith in Jesus Christ. Someday when you are called home you will be blessed with a rich inheritance.