

**FROM COAL INTO DIAMONDS**

Are you aware that coal and diamonds both share some of the same qualities? For example, both coal and diamonds respond to time, heat and pressure. In whatever combination these forces are used, the process dedicates both the coal and diamond for specific uses.

Coal is used for power generation, steel production, water filtration, and even (sorry ladies) cosmetic manufacturing. Diamonds are useful in jewelry production, grinding, drilling, cutting and polishing. Diamonds have a property known as toughness. Diamonds are brilliant, shiny and valuable pieces that many display.

You no doubt have heard the expression “A diamond in the rough." ” This statement acknowledges that a hunk of coal can become a beautiful diamond. But it also suggests that there may be a greater value in diamonds than in coal. This is an incorrect concept. Why? Because both coal and diamonds have a purpose in the plan of God. The coal’s value is in the power it can generate and the construction to which it contributes. God has a purpose which only coal can meet. Likewise God has a purpose which only diamonds can meet. Many people God chooses are nearer to coal than they are to diamonds. There is demand and supply for both coal and diamonds.

So, there is nothing wrong about being a lump of coal, and there is nothing wrong with being a diamond. Our value as an individual, rather coal or diamond, is in accepting and embracing the purpose God sets before us, not fantasizing about a role we may be unable to fulfill.

Whatever we are meant to be, whether a piece of coal or a diamond, we have the perseverance to fulfill, succeed, and shine like a diamond by sticking to the job with which we were blessed. Remember, “A diamond is a piece of coal that stuck to the job.”

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***Welcome to our services*  SUNDAY Worship…………………………………9:30 AM Bible Class……………………………10:45 AM MONDAY Bible Study……………………………6:30PM WEDNESDAY Bible Study……………………..…..7:00 PM THURSDAY W.I.N.G.S. (Women In God’s Service) Ladies’ Bible Class…………….10:00 AM**

**Monday PM, Wednesday PM and Thursday AM classes will all meet in the West Annex for the present time**

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**Sermon: SOUNDS OF THE HOLIDAYS**

**Charles Murray**

Friday Christians



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