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Elvis Presley's Bible

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Last week, a Bible that was given to Elvis Presley in 1957 by his aunt and uncle was auctioned off. It is clear that Elvis actually read and used this Bible, for it contained several marginal notes written in his own handwriting. One such note is found in the margin of Luke 9. It says, "For what is a man advantaged if he should gain the whole world and lose himself or be castaway." Interesting insight from a man who had so much of what this world values.

But to the real point of this article. The Bible sold for \$97,000.00. What I find of particular interest is that the value of this Bible was determined by the person who owned it. Oh, I understand how the whole "celebrity thing" works, but I just thought it was ironic that (from the world's point of view) the owner of this Bible brought value to the Bible. However, the Bible is "priceless" no matter who owns it, and frankly, the value of a Bible is not increased by its owner, rather the Bible brings value to its owner. Give it some thought.

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