

Hidden Treasures

A man was walking along the beach when he came upon a sack filled with clay balls that appeared to have washed ashore.

He scooped up the bag and began to examine its contents. He quickly determined that they were worthless.

He picked up a few of the balls, juggled them in the air, and then threw them into the water. He retrieved a few more of the balls and made a game of juggling them as he walked along the shore.

At one point, he dropped one of the balls and it split in two as it fell to the ground. A beautiful gemstone tumbled out of the clay and landed in the sand by his feet.



The man was shocked at the hidden treasure he had just discovered, and began to break open the remaining balls in his possession.

Each ball contained a gemstone larger and more beautiful than the previous one. He held a small fortune in the palm of his hand and realized that he had left the sack filled with treasures farther down the beach, not to mention the ones he had carelessly tossed into the water.

The man learned a couple of valuable lessons that day:

1. Looks can be deceiving.
2. Things of great value are often hidden inside things that appear worthless, lifeless and dull.

These same lessons are often true of people. Many talents and extraordinary gifts may be lying dormant inside any one of us until the right motivation or circumstance arises to help us break free from our shells and share our light with the world.

Keep this in mind when you find yourself quick to judge someone based on their appearance.

– Beecher Hunter