

The Ultimate Gift, by Jim Stovall

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What would you be willing to do to inherit a billion dollars? In Jim Stovall's inspiring, quick-read novel, The Ultimate Gift, Jason Stevens is about to find out. Jason's great-uncle, Red Stevens, has put conditions in his will that propel Jason into a year-long journey where he discovers some lasting values that are greater than financial worth.

The Ultimate Gift shows us the gifts of doing a job well; using money to help others; nurturing friends; having a passion for lifelong learning; gaining insights from our troubles; creating family; enjoying life, even in adversity; having God-sized dreams; giving out of who we are; developing an attitude of gratitude; and valuing each day of our lives.

So what is the ultimate gift? It is our awareness of all the gifts we have already been given, as we seek to live fully out of these values and choose to pass them along to others.

But what about the billion dollars? You'll have to read the book to find out.