

Peter:

It's Sunday, we have sung our Songs of Praise so now it must be time for this...

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Jenny:

Welcome to the Antiques Road Show.

I'm Fiona Bruce – newsreader, presenter and a future National Treasure.

Talking of treasures, today our programme comes live from Haverhill.

We are in the Methodist Church and many of you have dusted down your fragile antiques.

Ladies, its good to see you have brought along your husbands.

Let us now join one of our valuation experts Mr Arthur Negus who is with one of our visitors.

(Jenny Exits)

Peter:

Thank you Fiona.

I'm here with Mrs Teak

Jo:

Please, call me Ann.

Peter:

Now Ann, you have brought along 3 items for us and you would like to know which one is the most valuable. Can you unveil your first treasure?

(Jo unveils old clock)

Peter:

Aha, a delightful old timer with a broken face which hasn't worked for years.

But enough about me, tell us about the clock.

Jo:

Yes, it once belonged to my grandmother, but as you can see, it wound up with me. Sadly it's just an ornament now.

Peter:

But at least it tells the right time twice a day.

Jo:

True. And although it is broken it is precious to me.

I suppose this clock is a bit like my own life.

There is much in my history that is broken and I am unable to mend.

Sometimes it feels like time stands still and I am stuck in the past.

But like this clock there is much beauty and happy memories too.

Peter:

We will come to value it a little later. But Ann, please do show us your second item.

(Jo unveils digital clock)

Peter:

Well bless my bygones, it's a digital clock. *(Examines the back)*

Just as I thought, I will have to check which Dynasty, but it is definitely Chinese.

Look - it reads 'Made In China'. Ann, where did you acquire such a timepiece?

Jo:

Argos.

Peter: Ar-gos. Is that from the classical Greek?

Jo:

No. Argos in the High Street.

Peter:

Tell us Ann, what does this clock mean to you|?

Jo:

This clock is very helpful to me, far more helpful than that old clock.

I look at it many times every day; it keeps me on time and on track with all my appointments.

It even tells me the temperature. And it is satellite controlled so it always tells the correct time.

This clock helps me to live in the present moment. Isn't that all any of us can do?
We can't live in the past and I'm not waiting for the future to arrive.
I value this present moment in time.

Peter:

We will come to its value a little later. But Ann, please do show us your third item.

(Jo unveils 2017 diary)

Peter:

Rust my relics – if it's not a 2017 diary!
Now, how long has this been in your family Ann?

Jo:

About 2 months.

Peter:

A future heirloom perhaps – but I see it is empty.
No plans, no appointments, no lunches.
No life, Ann?

Jo:

Well I wouldn't say that, it's just that I don't know what the future holds for me.
None of us do. Whether my diary is full or empty, I don't know what tomorrow will bring.
None of us really know what the future will hold.
One day my time will run out. Then what?

Peter:

Well, thank you Ann for bringing in to us your past, your present and your future.
I suppose we must talk about their value. Which is worth the most to you Ann.
Is it the past, the present or the future?

Jo:

Well, as a Christian I believe that my times are in God's hands.
He holds my broken past and he redeems it. That's precious.
He gives me this present moment as a gift to spend wisely in loving others.
That's so valuable.

And my God promises me a future, even eternal life.
That's priceless.
You know Arthur, I've realised its not about the price tag.
Today I give my past, my present and my future to God my Maker.
Isn't it time for you all to do the same this Lent?

Peter:

Thank you. Ann. Back to you Fiona.

(Jenny Enters)

Jenny:

Well that's all we have time for today.
Tune in to Antiques Road show next week when I continue my search for an antique desk and chair. The BBC just never let me sit down anymore. Goodbye.

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