

*"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it. Matthew 13:44-46*

## **Who's Treasure?**

**What do you value? What would you be willing to devote your life to? Would any observer be able to answer that question for you based on what they have seen from your life?** Those questions increased in difficulty as you asked them.

**Why do you say that?** In theory it would be easy to say that I value you. You are what I prize above anything else. I would like to think that I am fully devoted to you. I believe that you are like a treasure hidden in a field or a precious pearl that I have sold all to buy. Am I really sold out to you? Is my life fully at your disposal? Am I willing to go and do whatever you ask me to do regardless of the cost? I've already said I'm all yours. Those are good questions for me to think about. **Yes, they are. Let me ask you one more question.** Go ahead, my head is already overwhelmed as I consider these thoughts. One more is not going to harm me. **No, it won't, especially if I ask it of you.** Alright then, fire away.

**Why do you want to be sold out and fully devoted to me? Don't answer that yet, I want to help you to think about this.** Great, I need all the help I can get. **Yes, you do. Do you think that the man who bought the field did so out of a sense of obligation? Was he driven to sell everything because he felt guilty and knew that he should? How about the jeweler, did he feel it was a huge sacrifice on his part to sell everything to buy the finest most valuable pearl he had ever seen?** No, in both cases they joyfully sold everything because they knew that they had found the treasure they had always been looking for and one day hoped to find. **Do you think that they were mildly happy then?** No, they would have been ecstatically happy and hardly able to contain themselves. **Yes, that's true.**

**How about me? What have you discovered about me? Am I the treasure that you have always been looking for and hoped that you would one day find?** Yes, Lord you are. It is my joy to know, love, follow and serve you. It is my desire to live with and for you. I want to follow and obey you not out of a sense of obligation but because I love you. To know that you love me, what a treasure that is. To taste your kindness, goodness, mercy, forgiveness and love is beyond compare. To realize that you came into this world to save me is way beyond wonderful. You were completely sold out to rescue me from a life without God. You paid the ultimate price for me. Was I your treasure? **Yes, you were.** Well, you are my treasure and it is with great joy that I am fully devoted to loving, following and serving you!

*Lord Jesus, you are my treasure and pearl of great price. It is with great joy that I give my life to loving, following and serving you. Thank you for being sold out for me. You paid the price so I could have a new life of following you. Amen*

**Parables** *Hidden Treasure, Valuable Pearl*

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

NIV Matthew 13:44-46

**Parables** *Hidden Treasure, Valuable Pearl*

"The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure that a man discovered hidden in a field. In his excitement, he hid it again and sold everything he owned to get enough money to buy the field. "Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant on the lookout for choice pearls. When he discovered a pearl of great value, he sold everything he owned and bought it!

NLT Matthew 13:44-46

**Parables** *Hidden Treasure, Valuable Pearl*

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

NRSV Matthew 13:44-46

**Parables** *Hidden Treasure, Valuable Pearl*

The kingdom of heaven is like something precious buried in a field, which a man found and hid again; then in his joy he goes and sells all he has and buys that field. Again the kingdom of heaven is like a man who is a dealer in search of fine and precious pearls, Who, on finding a single pearl of great price, went and sold all he had and bought it.

AMP Matthew 13:44-46

**Parables** *Hidden Treasure, Valuable Pearl*

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field, which a man found and hid again; and from joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine pearls, and upon finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

NASB Matthew 13:44-46

**Parables** *Hidden Treasure, Valuable Pearl*

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

ESV Matthew 13:44-46

**Parables** *Hidden Treasure, Valuable Pearl*

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

NKJV Matthew 13:44-46

**Parables** *Hidden Treasure, Valuable Pearl*

"God's kingdom is like a treasure hidden in a field for years and then accidentally found by a trespasser. The finder is ecstatic—what a find!—and proceeds to sell everything he owns to raise money and buy that field. "Or, God's kingdom is like a jewel merchant on the hunt for excellent pearls. Finding one that is flawless, he immediately sells everything and buys it.

MSG Matthew 13:44-46

**Parables** *Hidden Treasure, Valuable Pearl*

"The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure a man discovered in a field. In his excitement, he sold everything he owned to get enough money to buy the field—and get the treasure, too! "Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a pearl merchant on the lookout for choice pearls. He discovered a real bargain—a pearl of great value—and sold everything he owned to purchase it!

TLB Matthew 13:44-46

**Parables** *Hidden Treasure, Valuable Pearl*

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field. One day a man found the treasure, and then he hid it in the field again. He was so happy that he went and sold everything he owned to buy that field. "Also, the kingdom of heaven is like a man looking for fine pearls. When he found a very valuable pearl, he went and sold everything he had and bought it.

NCV Matthew 13:44-46

**Hidden Treasure, Valuable Pearl** Year \_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_

**Parables** – Matthew 13:44-46

**In Context:** *Read Matthew 13*

**Begin With Prayer:**

***Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.***

**Meditating On God's Word:** ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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**Considering The Words:** ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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**Praying The Scripture:** ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Lord Jesus, you are my treasure and pearl of great price. It is with great joy that I give my life to loving, following and serving you. Thank you for being sold out for me. You paid the price so I could have a new life of following you. Amen

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**What It Means:** ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

What treasure do you value in life and how are you pursuing it?

What would close observers of your life say is the treasure that you value and are pursuing in life?

**How is Jesus Christ like a treasure in a field that you were searching for and always hoped to one-day find?**

Why did you willingly give your life to Christ to follow Him as your Savior and Lord?

What has motivated you to joyfully continue to follow Christ as your Savior and Lord?

**Why is living as a fully devoted follower of Christ not a difficult, painful sacrifice on your part?**

**What joy have you had, as you have known the love, goodness, and kindness of God in your life with Him?**

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**Living It Out:** ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Spend time meeting in prayer with the Lord so that you can know Him and the love that He has for you.

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**Seeing It Happen:** ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that knowing, loving, following and serving God is better than any treasure in a field or pearl of great price.

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**Get Ready To Share:** ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group the joy you have in being a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ.

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**Close With Prayer:**

***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

*Pause And Offer Prayers Of...*

*With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You*

Adoration... \_\_\_\_\_

Thanksgiving... \_\_\_\_\_

Confession... \_\_\_\_\_

Intercession... \_\_\_\_\_

Petition... \_\_\_\_\_

