

IV. WHAT DOES SOMEONE WHO IS “SOLD OUT” LOOK LIKE?

- A. They focus on their RELATIONSHIP with God over pharisaical rules. They love God and His ways.

“I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”

Galatians 2:20

- B. Relationship inevitably leads to OBEDIENCE.

“If you love Me, keep My commandments.”

John 14:15

- C. Obedience causes an overwhelming desire to EVANGELIZE.

And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.”

Mark 16:15

- D. Evangelism leads to a LOVE for others.

For God is my witness, how greatly I long for you all with the affection of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:8

- E. Loving others leads to a desire to SERVE them.

And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.’

Matthew 25:40

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JESUS’ STORIES

The Stories of the Hidden Treasure and Pearl of Great Price

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INTRODUCTION

- A. Jesus was a master story teller. The stories He told were called “Parables.” A parable is an earthly story with a heavenly meaning. Jesus explained why he told these stories,

“And the disciples came and said to Him, ‘Why do You speak to them in parables? He answered and said to them, Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given’.”

Matthew 13:10-11

He used common subjects and every day experiences to reveal deep truths about God, His kingdom and ourselves.

- B. There are approximately forty parables in Matthew, Mark and Luke that Jesus taught. This teaching series will focus on eight of these parables that reveal valuable lessons for building your story today. The messages include:

Feb 20 The Story Of The Wise & Foolish Builders

Feb 27 The Story Of The Sower, Seed & Soils

Mar 6 The Story Of The Good Samaritan

TODAY The Stories Of The Hidden Treasure & The Pearl Of Great Price

Mar 20 The Story Of The Talents

Mar 27 The Story Of The Prodigal Son

Apr 3 The Story Of The Rich Man & Lazarus

Apr 10 The Story Of The Great Feast

Come and hear these messages learn valuable lessons for building your story today.

- C. **TEXT:** Matthew 13:44-46

The Actors:

- The treasure/pearl is the kingdom of heaven.
- The man/merchant is us!

The Lesson: Treasure the main thing which is the Gospel.

HOW TO TREASURE THE MAIN THING WHICH IS THE GOSPEL

I. KNOW TREASURE WHEN YOU SEE IT

What are the differences in our two stories? What are the similarities?

A. The man who found the treasure stumbled upon it.

“he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field;”
Matthew 13:44b

B. The merchant was actively seeking the pearl.

“he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.” Matthew 13:46b

C. The treasure is the kingdom of heaven which is found through believing the Gospel.

*“24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.
25 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.
26 or what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?”* Matthew 16:24-26

II. COUNT EVERYTHING ELSE AS RUBBISH

When Paul received the Gospel everything changed:

“7 But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ.

8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ

9 and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith;”

Philippians 3:7-9

A. The treasure was worth more than all our time, treasure, and talent.

“he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field;”
Matthew 13:44b

B. The pearl was what the merchant had been seeking after with his whole life.

“he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.” Matthew 13:46b

III. FOUR THINGS YOU CAN DO WITH THE TREASURE

The Gospel has an impact on everyone who hears it!

“For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.” Hebrews 4:12

A. It can be impeded by sin/Satan like in the case of Judas.

- Judas was living in sin (John 12:6).
- Judas’ head knowledge never turned into heart knowledge (Matthew 26:22-25).
- Judas had Satan within him (Luke 22:3-6).

B. It can be rejected like in the case of the rich young ruler.

- He asked the right question (Mark 10:17).
- He was obedient (Mark 10:18-20).
- He wasn’t willing to put Jesus on the throne of his life (Mark 10:21-22).

C. It can be received, but wasted like in the case of the one talent man.

- The master gives a gift (Matthew 25:14-15).
- The man hides the gift in fear (Matthew 25:24-25).
- The man is punished (Matthew 25:26-27).

D. It can be treasured like in the story of the treasure/pearl.

“for JOY over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.” Matthew 13:44b