

## The Value of Lost Treasure

### **Matthew 13:44**

*Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.*

What did Jesus have in mind when he taught this parable?

The word ‘treasure’ in the culture of this day meant wealth. (Strong's 2344 ‘thesauros’ is the Greek word for treasure-wealth)

Our world has no value system with which to gauge the worth of a soul.

### **Matthew 16:26.**

**Matthew 16:26-27**<sup>26</sup> *For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?*

<sup>27</sup> *For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.*

Jesus uses two narratives to help us understand the value of a soul;

1. In the first narrative, He esteems the value of a soul more than the monetary systems of the world. Jesus asks the question...what benefit will a man have if he gains the whole world and loses his soul.....
2. In the second narrative, He identifies the value system of the Kingdom. (verse 27... He shall reward every man according to his works) consider **Proverbs 18:16** a man's gift makes room for him, and brings him before great men.

## I Investment Determines Value

**Luke 19:10** *For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.*

1. God's first investment in man was His image. **Genesis 1:26** *God said, "Let us make man in our image after our likeness...."*

2. God's second investment to man was His presence. **Genesis 2:15** *And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.*
3. God's third investment was His Spirit. **Genesis 2:7** *...and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.*

## II The Value of Saved Treasure

**II Corinthians 4:7** *But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.*

1. The analogy of earthen vessels speaks of our human bodies in contrast to the priceless treasures of the power that dwells within.
2. The priceless power of God that dwells within orchestrates the relationship between the lost and saved treasures.  
**Matthew 9:37-38**<sup>37</sup> *Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; <sup>38</sup> Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.*

Only God can equate the value of your gift to the value lost treasure.

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