

SERMON NOTES PM

THE TREASURE AND THE 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. (Matthew 13:44-46)

The Parables of Jesus Matthew 13 (p 1126)

Parable of the _____ (vv3-8)

Disciples ask Jesus the meaning (vv10-17)

Six parables:

1. Wheat and tares (vv24-30)
2. Mustard seed (vv31-32)
3. Leaven (v33)

Using parables fulfilled _____ Matthew 13:34-35



4. Hidden treasure (v44)
5. Pearl of great price (vv45-46)
6. Dragnet (vv47-48)

THE HIDDEN TREASURE Matthew 13:44 (p 1128)

There is first the discovery of the inestimable _____ of the kingdom of heaven.

There is the consequent _____ to make it one's own.

There is, last, the necessity to give everything else one possesses to _____ it.

The parable of the unjust servant Luke 16:1-13 (p 1205)

- The man desired something so valuable to him he sells everything he has to obtain the one treasure.
- Possession costs everything, but the cost is no object since his joy motivates him to part with whatever was dear and closest to him to make the field his own.

THE PEARL OF GREAT PRICE Matthew 13:45-46 (p 1128)

The subject is the _____ of heaven.

The man is seeking beautiful pearls and finds one of great _____.

He sells all he has for one thing.

- Total commitment to the kingdom should be given because of its infinite _____. Luke 11:23 (p 1197)
- Purchase truth, instruction, wisdom, and understanding: all things of the spirit. Proverbs 23:23 (p 752)
- Buy what has real _____, ironically at no cost whatever! Isaiah 55:1 (p 849)
- Buy while there is still time Matthew 25:1-13 (p 1143)
- Buy from _____ the deep needs of our soul. Revelation 3:18 (p 1410)

The parable of the hidden treasure and the pearl of great price is a common theme of Jesus.

A man was _____ to commit totally. Luke 18:22-25 (p 1208)

Our hearts must be entirely _____ to the kingdom of heaven.

There is no retreating, backing up, or giving up. Revelation 3:5 (p 1409)

*"We who come to Him worthless and base, are changed into worth and preciousness because He communicates to us His own infinite value."
(G. Campbell Morgan)*

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THE SECRET TO LIFE

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure. (Philippians 2:12-13)

Life is Hard and it Requires Working At It

Success is _____ but it usually has the smell of _____ to it.

Adam and Eve did not get the day off:

Genesis 2:15 (p 2) Psalm 128:2 (p 713); Proverbs 6:6-11 (p 730) 24:30-34 (p 754)

☞ Work is usually dressed up in _____!

☞ "There is no place where success comes before work, except in the dictionary." (Donald Kendall)

God intends for His people to work _____ for Him *Ephesians 6:5-9 (p 1347) Colossians 3:17, 22 – 4:1 (p 1355)*

Marriage Takes Work

_____ is the basis for marriage but there is more to making marriage _____ than being in love.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8a (p 1321)

God's view of marriage is very clear! *Hebrews 13:4 (p 1384) Colossians 3:18-21 (p 1355)*



The Most Important Part of Life

Philippians 2:12-13 (p 1349)

- God loves you and desires you to be saved, but there will be no _____ unless you come to the vineyard to _____.

Matthew 20 (p 1135) THE PARABLE OF THE WORKERS

Man is not saved by _____ alone

_____ = *Ephesians 2:4-10 (p 1343)*

_____ = *James 2:14-26 (p 1387)*

"You can always tell when you are on the road to success; it's uphill all the way." (Paul Harvey)

IT IS ALL OUT _____: *2 Corinthians 10:36 (p 1343)*

THEN THOSE WHO GLADLY RECEIVED HIS WORD WERE BAPTIZED; AND THAT DAY ABOUT THREE THOUSAND SOULS WERE ADDED TO THEM.

(ACTS 2:41)