

# Parable Of The Treasure In The Field

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## Introduction:

*Matthew 13.44* is a very short parable. We must make sure to not miss the point of any of Jesus' teaching. Some in looking at a parable may over analysis it. For instance, *Luke 16* is not teaching us about honesty but the shrewdness of the unjust steward; *Luke 18* the parable of the unjust judge is not a lesson on kindness. In our parable a man finds a "treasure in another man's field". He goes out and mortgages himself to the max in order to purchase the field and get the treasure. Not a lesson on neighborliness but on the value of the Gospel.

### I) Acquire the Field Quickly

#### A) How many times do we find something of such great value that we immediately go out and liquidate our assets in order to get it?

1. How often have you had a possible business deal and miss the opportunity because you wanted to "think" about it?
2. Perhaps you have done this with a land deal, house, car, or even some yard sale item.

#### B) Time has a real cost

1. Opportunity is limited by time, *Galatians 6.10*.
2. Notice in the Book of Acts the response of those who obeyed the Gospel.

- a. *Acts 2.38-41* - those people did not delay their response to the Gospel.
  - b. The response to the second Gospel sermon in *Acts 3-4* is recorded in *verse 4*.
  - c. The Philippians jailer was baptized in the same hour of the night, *Acts 16.33*
3. Delay is very dangerous due to the temporary nature of life, *2 Corinthians 6.2*.

## II) **Acquire the Field Joyfully**

### **A) He concentrates on the value of his treasure.**

1. How often do we focus on the cost and not the benefit of something? A car, a house, a family, etc.
2. How often do we think the thing acquired was worth every penny it cost us?

### **B) Receiving the Gospel does have a cost but we should receive it with joy.**

1. The salvation of your soul is something to be joyful over.
2. The Ethiopian Eunuch went on his way rejoicing. *Acts 8.39*.
3. There is joy in heaven when every one lost soul is saved, *Luke 15.7*.

### III) Acquire the Field Permanently

#### A) This man wanted to acquire all of the treasure and not just a part of it.

1. He could have stuffed some the treasure in his pocket and went home. Such would have been a missed opportunity for much more.
2. There is a difference in having something temporarily and having it permanently.

#### B) The Kingdom of heaven is something we should not just want to know about but to receive.

1. Unfortunately many receive the Gospel and are faithful for a while. The parable of the Sower wants us about the cares and riches of this world.
2. How many give up their treasure and miss out on heaven?
3. Just about every church building would be full if all of those who at one time were faithful members were still faithful members.
4. Will you sell your soul for something temporary? Many will - the passing pleasures of sin, *Hebrews 11.25*. For family members? *Matthew 10.37*. For wealth? *Matthew 19.22-24*

#### Conclusion:

*2 Peter 1.10* makes this point for us.