



The Hidden Treasure (Matthew 13:44)

We all have things that we are unwilling to “sell” for the kingdom of heaven - things that are a product of our past experiences, the wrong beliefs that we live into, and our mindsets that we cling to for the sake of false security, ego-driven significance, or even worldly satisfaction.

- What are the things that you are unwilling to “sell” at this time to purchase the kingdom of heaven?
- What are you clinging to and refusing to count as loss for the sake of knowing Christ Jesus?
- Are you willing to acknowledge those things you refuse to sell? Are you willing to name them and write them down?
- Take some time over the next week and do that. Think of this as a yard sale of emotions, beliefs, attitudes, ego, or mindsets. Consider this question and be honest with yourself: On what have you refused to put a price tag? Put one on it this week.

The Pearl of Great Price (Matthew 13:45-46)

- What is your perspective on the merchant and the pearl? Do you view the merchant as “the kingdom of heaven” or do you view the pearl as “the kingdom of heaven”? How does the message of Jesus in this parable change based on your view?
- Are you the merchant, seeking and searching for God, or are you the pearl, letting yourself be sought after by God? What are your changes in response to the Kingdom in Christ based on each view?
- What do you think is meant by the “Divine Romance” of God pursuing us? How does that thought change your affection toward God in your relationship with him?