

The Great Treasure Matthew 13:44-46

Two Illustrations:

- One where a man searched and found a great treasure
- One where a man stumbled on to a great treasure

The Allusion: The Pearl of Great Price is Salvation
The Clear Point: Treat Salvation like it is a treasure

Four points to consider:

1. You must be willing to pay ANY price

Jesus said Christianity may have a great cost:

- The cost of losing people

Luke 14:26 "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple.

- The cost to your life

Matthew 19:9-12

Matthew 19:16-22

- We need to count the cost of faithfulness and conclude AHEAD OF TIME what it will cost us
Lu 14:28 "For which one of you, when he wants to build a tower, does not first sit down and calculate the cost, to see if he has enough to complete it?"

2. You must be willing to guard it AT ALL COST

Matthew 6:24-34

- Keep from temptation

1 Cor 10:14 Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.

1 Cor 6:18 Flee immorality.

1 Tim 6:10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.11 But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness.

2 Timothy 2:22 Now flee from youthful lusts, and pursue righteousness, faith, love [and] peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

3. You must be committed to getting its value

- Maintaining it to keeps its value - II Peter 1
- Do not neglect it - Hebrews 2:1-4
- The failure of the seed in Mark 4 -

4. You must live in the hope of its reward

- Dwell on its value - Col 3:1-4