

The Pearl Of Great Price Misplaced Values • Financial security. Luke 12:13-21 • Pleasures. 1 John 2:15ff; James 4:4 • Wisdom. Acts 17:16-21; 1 Corinthians 1:20-25

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True value.

- Treasure that never perishes. Matthew 6:19-21
- Satisfying. Isaiah 55:1-2; Psalms 46:1-7
- Value increases with the passing of time. cf. 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:1; 1 Timothy 6:6; 1 Timothy 4:8
- One of a kind. "the kingdom of heaven..."

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The merchant.

- Seeking "goodly pearls." cf. Isaiah 55:6-7 cf. Matthew 19:16 Rich young ruler.
 - Luke 10:38-42 Mary
 - Matthew 5:6; 1 Peter 2:2 Hungry, longing.
 - Acts 8:26-39; Acts 17:11 Searching.
 - Matthew 7:7 Knocking

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The merchant.

- Knows his merchandise. (Takes effort)
- NOTE: John 8:32; 2 Timothy 2:15; Matthew 11:28
- Will not accept a substitute.
- NOTE: Matthew 16:18; Acts 20:28; John 3:3-5; Acts 2

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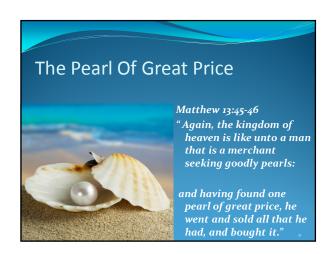
The purchase price. "He sold all that he had..."

- Self denial. Matthew 16:24-26; Luke 14:26
 - Honor among men. John 12:42-43
 - Family. Matthew 10:34-39

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The Pearl Of Great Price • "Buy the truth and sell it not." Proverbs 23:23 Judas sold for 30 pieces of silver. Matthew 26:14-15 • Some sell because they compromise. cf. Matthew 12:30 • Some sell because they won't defend it. Jude 3 • Some sell because they won't practice it. Matthew 7:24ff



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