

The Parable of the Lost Sheep and Lost Coin

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Matthew 18:12-14 NASB

12 What do you think? If any man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go and search for the one that is straying?

13 If it turns out that he finds it, truly I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine which have not gone astray.

14 So it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones perish.

It is the heart and will of our Heavenly Father to seek and to save both the lost and the backslider. It is His heart and will that none should perish.

2 Peter 3:9 NASB

9 The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

By sacrificing His own Son on the cross, He demonstrated that He was willing to pay any price, even the ultimate price to reconcile man to Himself.

Romans 5:8-10 NASB

8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

As His children, He expects us to have the same heart of compassion and purpose to reach as many as possible with the Gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ.

Mark 1:16-18 NASB

16 As He was going along by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew, the brother of Simon, casting a net in the sea; for they were fishermen.

17 And Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men."

18 Immediately they left their nets and followed Him.

As His Church, He commissions us with the mission of Matthew 28.

Matthew 28:19-20 NASB

19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

First and foremost you are a Christian, ordained to seek and save the lost. Your secular vocation is the lesser priority. You will always be a Christian. Your vocation is temporary and earthly.

Luke 15:1-10 NASB

1 Now all the tax collectors and the sinners were coming near Him to listen to Him.

2 **Both the Pharisees and the scribes began to grumble, saying, "This man receives** (*prosdechomai* - to give access to oneself, to receive into companionship and intercourse, to accept and not reject) **sinner and eats with them."**

3 **So He told them this parable, saying,**

4 **"What man among you, if he has a hundred sheep and has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open pasture and go after the one which is lost until he finds it?"**

5 **"When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing.**

6 **"And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!'"**

7 **"I tell you that in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.**

8 **"Or what woman, if she has ten silver coins and loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it?"**

9 **"When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin which I had lost!'"**

10 **"In the same way, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."**

THE BALANCE OF TRUTH IN EVANGELISM:

1. RESPECT FOR FREE WILL

Matthew 10:14-15 NASB

14 "Whoever does not receive you, nor heed your words, as you go out of that house or that city, shake the dust off your feet.

15 "Truly I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city.

John 6:66-67 ESV

66 After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him.

67 So Jesus said to the Twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?"

2. SEPARATION FOR HOLINESS

2 Corinthians 6:14 NASB

14 Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness?

2 Corinthians 6:17 NASB

17 "Therefore, come out from their midst and be separate," says the Lord. And do not touch what is unclean; and I will welcome you."

3. PRAY FOR GUIDANCE

Colossians 4:3 NASB

3 praying at the same time for us as well, that God will open up to us a door for the word, so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ, for which I have also been imprisoned;

2 Corinthians 2:12 NASB

12 Now when I came to Troas for the gospel of Christ and when a door was opened for me in the Lord,

John 4:31-38 NASB

31 Meanwhile the disciples were urging Him, saying, "Rabbi, eat."

32 But He said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about."

33 So the disciples were saying to one another, "No one brought Him anything to eat, did he?"

34 Jesus said to them, "**My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to accomplish His work.**

35 "Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, **lift up your eyes and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest.**

36 "Already he who reaps is receiving wages and is gathering fruit for life eternal; so that he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together.

37 "For in this case the saying is true, '**One sows and another reaps.**'

38 "I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored and you have entered into their labor."

Luke 19:1-10 NASB

1 He entered Jericho and was passing through.

2 **And there was a man called by the name of Zaccheus; he was a chief tax collector and he was rich.**

3 Zaccheus was trying to see who Jesus was, and was unable because of the crowd, for he was small in stature.

4 **So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree in order to see Him,** for He was about to pass through that way.

5 **When Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him,** "Zaccheus, hurry and come down, for today I must stay at your house."

6 And he hurried and came down and received Him gladly.

7 **When they saw it, they all began to grumble, saying,** "He has gone to be the guest of a man who is a sinner."

8 **Zaccheus stopped and said to the Lord,** "Behold, Lord, **half of my possessions I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will give back four times as much.**"

9 **And Jesus said to him,** "**Today salvation has come to this house,** because he, too, is a son of Abraham.

10 **"For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."**

2 Corinthians 5:14-21 NASB

14 **For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died;**

15 **and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.**

16 Therefore from now on we recognize no one according to the flesh; even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him in this way no longer.

17 **Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.**

18 **Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation,**

19 **namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.**

20 **Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, **be reconciled to God.****

21 He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.