



G R O W T H N O T E S

Scriptures: Luke 15:8-10

**Series:
ONE MATTERS - PART 2**

*Message:
“HOW TO FIND LOST COINS!”*

Luke 15:8-10 NIV: “Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn’t she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it?

⁹ And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.’

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

SERIES SUMMARY:

EVERYONE matters to God—and therefore—everyone should matter to us!

AND—No matter how lost you are—you still matter to God!

BUT—The Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is that God still saves, heals, blesses, and delivers!

- ***‘Misfits’, tax collectors, sinners, and anyone who did not submit to their traditions that were attached to the laws of God, etc., were drawn to Jesus—and NOT driven from Him!***

- They gathered because they wanted to hear the words that Jesus spoke;
- The ‘down and out’—AND—the ‘up and in’—both gathered around Jesus Christ!

Luke 14:35: “...Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.”

- *In today’s message we are reminded that first and foremost—more than my profession, vocation, occupation, or job—in God’s sight I am not first and foremost ANY THING—BUT—I am first and foremost a child of God—made in the image of God—after the likeness of God!*
- *And in God’s presence I am valuable because of who I am—and because of WHO’S I AM!*

- *I’m not trash—I’m trinity!*
- *I’m not junk—I’m Jesus’ baby sibling (Jesus is our Elder Brother)!*

- *I’m not spare change—lose change—or chump change—but I am one of God’s pieces of silver—AND—I MATTER TO GOD!*
- *This 2nd Story Is About A Single Sistah who had 10 pieces of silver—and she’s alone in the text—BUT—notice even though she was alone—she still had something!*
- *And the good news for us is—so do we—that God has given all of us something!*



- *And it's up to us to DISCOVER IT—DEVELOP IT—DEPLOY IT—AND THEN DISTRIBUTE IT—to improve the quality of our lives—AND—to bless somebody else!*
- *Because—in and of itself—10 coins may not seem like much—BUT—it was something!*
- *It might've been rent money—it might've been grocery money—could've been milk money for her baby—or money she'd been saving to get her hair braided or her weave redone or her nails polished!*
- *Whatever it was for—we get the impression that it was all she had—10 pieces of silver;*
- *And it does not pay to take each other for granted—because when it's all said and done—we're all we've got!*

- *This woman lost one piece—that was bad enough—BUT—the real tragedy is not simply that she lost it—it is where she lost it!*
- *She lost her stuff—in the house!*

1. And just as this sistah searched for her lost coin—so the church ought to be in the business—of searching for lost souls!

2. AND—strong faith is just like silver—the more you pray—the brighter it'll shine!

- *The more you praise—the brighter it'll shine!*
- *The more you serve—the brighter it'll shine!*

3. *This single sistah searched for her silver because it was valuable—BUT—also because it was attainable!*

- It had to be somewhere in the house—that's what she told herself as she began looking for what was lost!

4. *She was honest with herself about the issue of RESPONSIBILITY!"*

- Now that may sound simple—but we've gotta give her credit—at least she had enough sense to miss her stuff—and felt responsible and competent enough to turn her house upside down—looking for what she had lost!

5. *The Good News is that JUST BECAUSE YOU LOST IT DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN'T GET IT BACK!*

- And you can't find your silver without some humility and some work!
- She got herself a light and a broom—she shined, and she swept—she swept, and she shined!
- And I've got a suggestion for you today—if you wanna find what you lost—you've got to get yourself a light—and get yourself a broom!
- Let the Word of God be your light—and let the Holy Ghost be your broom!
- Let the Word shine!—and let the Holy Ghost sweep!

6. *When she moved the dirt (the obstacles)—SHE FOUND THE SILVER!*



7. When she found what was lost—her celebration was unstoppable!

- *She was so excited she had found her lost silver—that she called her girlfriends—because she wanted to party!*

My Notes: _____
