

Parables (Stories Jesus Told About Us)
Part IV; March 10, 2024

Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant on the lookout for choice pearls. When he discovered a pearl of great value, he sold everything he owned and bought it! – Matthew 13:45-46 (NLT)

“The God Who’s Worth It!”

What does the Pearl of Great Price give us?

**Strength – Comfort – Peace – Joy – Identity –
Satisfaction – Significance – Love – Eternal life**

EVERYTHING we truly want is found in HIM!

**What does it take to truly “possess” all of who
God is as the Pearl of Great Price?**

**It takes giving Him
a good portion of your TIME.**

As the deer longs for streams of water, so I long for you,
O God. I thirst for God, the living God. **When can I go
and stand before him?** – Psalm 42:1-2 (NLT)

**Then you will call on me and come and pray to me,
and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me
when you seek me with all your heart.**

– Jeremiah 29:12-13 (NIV)

**It takes making Him
your most significant relationship.**

Many people did believe in him, however, including some of the Jewish leaders. But they wouldn’t admit it for fear that the Pharisees would expel them from the synagogue. **For they loved human praise more than the praise of God.** – John 12:42-43 (NLT)

**It means giving God control
of how you manage your money.**

No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money. – Matthew 6:24 (NLT)

Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” **At this the man’s face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.**

– Mark 10:21-22 (NIV)

It means surrendering your will for God’s Will.

Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. **Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.**

– Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT)

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