

KINGDOM PURSUERS (Part 2)

-The Treasure In The Field-

Summary:

This powerful message centers on Matthew 13:44, where Jesus describes the kingdom of heaven as a treasure hidden in a field—so valuable that a man sells everything he owns to purchase that field. The central question challenges us profoundly: Have we truly sold out completely for this treasure, or are we still holding back? The sermon explores what it means to be genuine kingdom pursuers in the 21st century, emphasizing four critical actions: showing ourselves by taking our walk with God seriously, showing the Lord that He truly means everything to us with nothing competing for His place, showing the world our unwavering pursuit of His kingdom, and telling the world about what we've found. The message powerfully connects the concepts of Word and Spirit—reminding us that all Word with no Spirit causes us to dry up, all Spirit with no Word causes us to blow up, but Word and Spirit together cause us to grow up. We're challenged to examine whether we've allowed the blessings God has given us to become idols that we now serve more than Him. The treasure has been in the field all along, concealed and waiting to be discovered through spiritual revelation rather than natural sight. This isn't about religion—it's about relationship, about going deeper, about being willing to let the Holy Spirit lead us to destinations the Word reveals. The call is clear: stop settling for where we are when there's so much more treasure waiting to be found.

Key Points:

- The chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever, experiencing joy in His presence through divine direction from both Word and Spirit
- Balance is essential: all Word and no Spirit causes you to dry up; all Spirit and no Word causes you to blow up; Word and Spirit together causes you to grow up
- Four things believers must show: show yourself (take your walk seriously), show the Lord He means everything, show the world you're pursuing His kingdom, and tell the world about Him
- The Holy Spirit reveals the deep things of God that cannot be obtained through human reasoning or intellect alone
- The treasure in the field represents the kingdom of heaven—something so valuable that a person would sell everything to obtain it
- Until spiritual value is determined, realized, and obtained, people will never truly sell out
- Once value is determined and obtained, believers will gladly sell out with joy because they recognize the worth and advantage of what the treasure possesses
- The man sold everything for one thing, but that one thing possessed everything
- Jesus' question to Peter—"Do you love me more than these?"—challenges believers to examine whether anything competes with their love for God
- "Hate" in Luke 14:26 means to "love less"—believers must love God more than family, career, and even their own lives to be true disciples
- The church must return to desperate prayer at altars rather than settling for convenient, distracted prayers at their seats