

TAKE HOME SHEET



**Series:** The Conversationalist  
**Message:** Finding Great Treasure  
**Speaker:** Rusty Coram  
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Why do many who claim to be followers of Jesus not seem to have the joy, peace, fulfillment, and hope that reflects Jesus? The answer is found in the two stories of Jesus we looked at today. Unless a person is fully devoted to Christ, they will not receive the benefits of a relationship with Him. Jesus made it clear that a person cannot be committed to more than one leader of their life (Luke 16:13).

Let's all take some time to honestly assess where we are in our devotion to Jesus and think about how we can strengthen our "follow-ship". A prayer that is great for starting this assessment is...

<sup>23</sup> Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.  
<sup>24</sup> Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.  
Psalm 139:23–24 (NLT)

**God, how does my use/view of money reflect devotion to you? My earning, giving, spending, and investing?**

**God, how does my use/view of time reflect devotion to you? Are you pleased with how I invest in my time alone with you, my church, my family, hobbies, and health habits?**

**God, how do my relationships with others reflect devotion to you?**

**God, how does my use of my talents and abilities reflect devotion to you?**

**God, how does my internal thought life reflect devotion to you?**

**BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:**

NLT – New Living Translation

MESSAGE NOTES



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*<sup>44</sup> The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure that a man discovered hidden in a field. In his excitement, he hid it again and sold everything he owned to get enough money to buy the field.*

*<sup>45</sup> Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant on the lookout for choice pearls.*

*<sup>46</sup> When he discovered a pearl of great value, he sold everything he owned and bought it!*

Matthew 13:44–46 (NLT)

There are two different ways to discover God:

Searching for Him

Surprised by Him

There is only one way to experience what He alone offers - full devotion.

*<sup>37</sup> Jesus replied, “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. <sup>38</sup> This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup> A second is equally important: Love your neighbor as yourself. <sup>40</sup> The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.*

Matthew 22:37–40 (NLT)

**Devotion is measured by my choices – who I am seeking to please.**