

THE PARABLES OF JESUS

THE VALUES OF GODLINESS

Lesson 3.

OBJECTIVE: To teach the difference of attitudes toward earthly values and heavenly values, and determine which is more important for our welfare!

PARABLES:

I. True Values:

A. *The parable of the hidden treasure:* Matthew 13:44

The parable of the precious pearl: Matthew 13:45

B. What is the central teaching of these parables?

C. Understanding the parables:

1. Would it be unlikely for us to find great treasure buried in the ground? Would it have been unlikely then? Why? _____

2. The two parables show a difference in intent to find; one man went looking while another seems to have stumbled onto the treasure. What is the application of this point to us today?

3. What did it cost each man to acquire the treasure?

4. What does the treasure represent?

III. COUNTING THE COSTS

A. *The parable of the tower:* Luke 14:28-30

The parable of the king: Luke 14:31-33

B. What is the central teaching of these parables?

C. Understanding the parables:

1. What "hard saying" precedes these parables?

2. What are some things included in the "**cost**" of being a Christian? _____
