

# Matthew 13V44-52 TREASURE, PEARLS & NETS

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Nothing matters more than a relationship with God that comes through Jesus Christ

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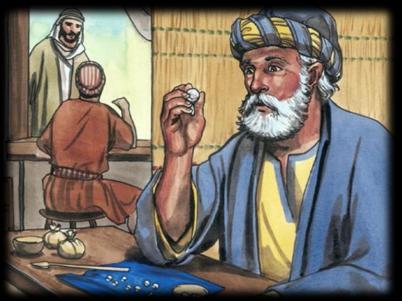


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Looking for the pearl

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#### Good

Mother Teresa

Me! (Good-ish!)

Adolph Hitler

Bad

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Rom 3v10-12: As it is written:

- "There is no one righteous, not even one;
- there is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God.
- <sup>12</sup> All have turned away, they have together become worthless;
- there is no one who does good,

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Rom 3v21-22: But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. <sup>22</sup> This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.

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**V52:** He said to them, "Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old."

The gospel is the most precious thing we have, and it's the most precious thing we can give...