

TEDIOUS OBLIGATION

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MATTHEW 13:44-46

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

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Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it."



ATTITUDE:

THE JOY A IN THE DISCOVERY OF JESUS MOVES PEOPLE INTO LIFE CHANGING DECISIONS AND ACTS.

LACK OF ACTION:

JOY ENABLES THE SELLING, BUT SELLING ONLY GETS YOU THE TREASURE.

ASSUMPTIONS:

WORLD

- Seeks Retaliation
- Eye for eye
- Defend yourself in whatever way necessary

KINGDOM

- Return Evil with Good
- Turn the other cheek
- Seek the well-being of our "enemy"

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was the chief tax collector and was wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd.

So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamorefig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today."

So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord,

"Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."

Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

ZACCHAEUS

- Attitude: Joy as engine of change
 - Joyfully Received Jesus.
- Action: Selling only gets you the treasure
 - Gave his stuff away
- Assumption: Sinners are unfit for the kingdom
 - Jesus ate with a sinner.

