

PUZZLING PARABLES

THE HIDDEN TREASURE

These puzzling parables are given so the truth can sneak up on us and get past our bias, assumptions, self-righteousness and hard hearts.

The ultimate purpose of these puzzling stories is so our eyes will be opened to see and receive God's blessing.

THE SOWER

The Good Soil: an affair of the h_____.

THE WEEDS

Allowing God to have his way in our lives transforms our a _____ and a _____ toward others.

THE MUSTARD SEED

When we t _____ God, the kingdom will do its w _____.

THE HIDDEN TREASURE

The kingdom of heaven is like a 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. *Matthew 13:44*

Treasure: The infinite v _____ of a t _____ life.

THE PEARL

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. ⁴⁶ When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it. *Matthew 13:45-46*

A l _____ to l _____, not a j _____ to a _____.

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN: THE BEST WAY TO LIVE

Honesty and healthy conflict
Matthew 18:15-16

Service and the best interest of others
Matthew 20:26-28

Freedom and forgiveness
Matthew 6:14-15

Trusting in the care of God
Matthew 6:25

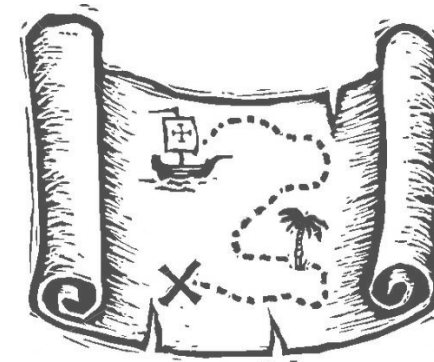
NEXT STEPS

Is it in you?

Are you living a semi-precious life?

Act on/do/live out what you know

Next Step Devotional



Resources:

[The Divine Conspiracy](#) – Dallas Willard

[The Life You've Always Wanted](#) – John Ortberg

[When The Game Is Over; It All Goes Back In The Box](#) – John Ortberg

[An Unstoppable Force](#) – Erwin McManus