



# Going For It

MT. 13:44-46

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*“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.” (Matthew 13:44, ESV)*

## Review the Sermon

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Read Matthew 13:44-46.

After reading these two short parables, what would you say is the difference between religious people and a true citizen of God's kingdom?

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Verses 44 and 46 provide a similar template for a kingdom-centered life of joyful motivation, intentional direction, unreserved sacrifice, and focused investment. Why is a proper motivation of joy the key to your direction, sacrifice, and investment?

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## Assess your Life

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How have you struggled with improper motivation for living the Christian life? Have you had times when your joy was lacking?

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Do you find your joy in the Lord leading to greater seriousness about what you are doing with your life?

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Do you spend more time and energy avoiding sin (sacrifice) or pursuing holiness (investment)?

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## Apply the Truth

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What steps can you take to restore or maximize the joy of your salvation?

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How can you maintain a balance of joyfulness and seriousness as you intentionally live for God's kingdom and glory?

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What other areas of life can you apply this template of motivation, direction, sacrifice, and investment? (examples: marriage, family, career, etc.)

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## Commit this week to...

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Finding joy in knowing Christ, intentionally pursuing his will, sacrificing whatever stands in the way, and investing in activity that promises eternal reward.

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*“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.” (Matthew 13:45–46, ESV)*