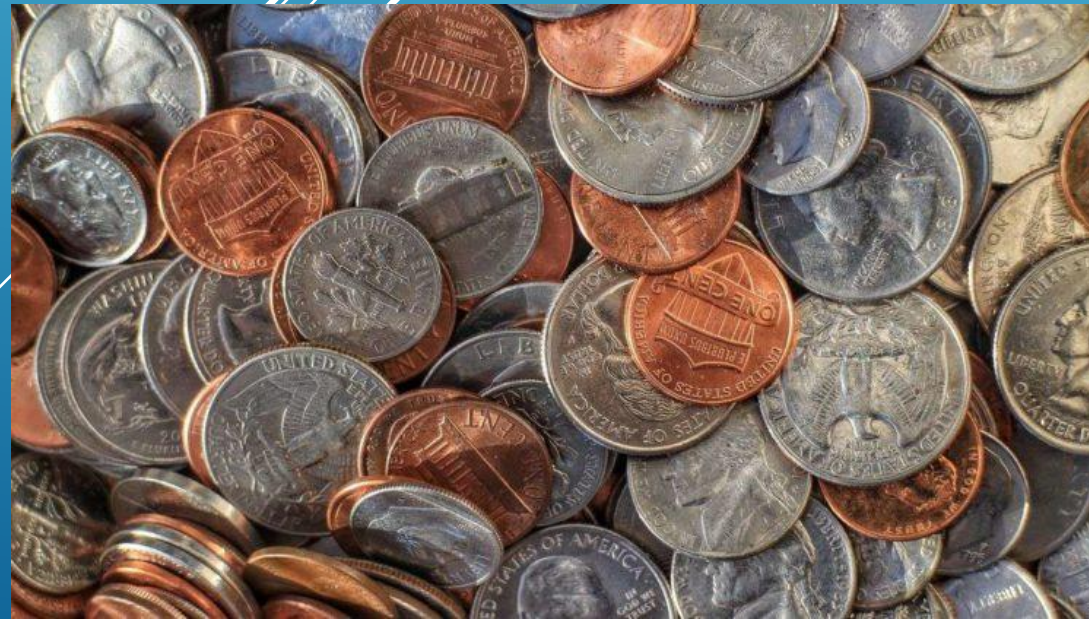


ARE YOU LOOKING FOR COINS? LUKE 15:1-10



- ▶ The Three parables Jesus gives here are given as His explanation to allegations against Him by the pharisees and the scribes
- ▶ Remember that tax collectors and other individuals with questionable reputations often ended up in Jesus' audience
- ▶ The pharisees and scribes' complaint was that Jesus disgraced His religious influence by keeping company with sinners
- ▶ It didn't dawn on them that He ***“Mingled With A Mission!”*** He did it purposefully to do them good, to bring them to repentance
- ▶ If your associates are people with questionable habits, make sure one of your main reasons for continued fellowship is to ***change their behavior, not vice versa***

OBSERVATIONS



- ▶ The parable of the lost sheep is the easiest to understand
- ▶ The parable about the prodigal, or wasteful, son has been the subject of numerous sermons, but what about the lost coin?
- ▶ Jesus chose to use silver, which is of intrinsic value, not like a base metal such as iron or lead, but silver
- ▶ Folks, we have value, and our brothers and sisters have value, spiritually!

OBSERVATIONS



“What is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?

You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor.

You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet;

All flocks and herds, and animals of the wild, the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the sea.”

Who Am I That Jesus Should Care(1Peter 5:7)

PSALMS 8:4-8



- ▶ The coin was altogether ignorant of being lost
- ▶ It had no consciousness of being lost, or needing to be found
- ▶ The money was quite content to lie on the floor in the dust
- ▶ Some of our brothers and sisters, even family members for whom we look, don't understand the significance of being lost. Some are content where they are



OBSERVATIONS

“ ...remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from the citizenship of Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world.” Ephesians 2:12

The Hebrew Writer Describes People With No Hope!

“If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God.” Hebrews 10:26,27

**PAUL DESCRIBES LOST GENTILES
IN EPHESIANS 2:12**

- ▶ This woman in the parable represents the church
- ▶ Isn't it the church's conscience that remembers who is lost?

Doesn't This Church Have a Conscience?

- ▶ Zone Ministry
- ▶ Personal Evangelism Ministry
- ▶ Parents of Lost Children

THIS COIN WAS LOST
BUT NOT FORGOTTEN!



- ▶ The woman had hopes of recovering it, so she went about the work of trying to find it (she swept the house and looked diligently (verse 8)
- ▶ Some churches would approach looking for lost valuables lackadaisically
- ▶ Other Churches may do it with enthusiasm

It Depends On How We Value The Coins!

THE COIN WAS LOST
BUT NOT HOPELESSLY LOST!



- ▶ Just being in the house/church doesn't mean you're not lost!
- ▶ Some denominations teach, "once saved, always saved!"

"Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall"

1Corinthians 10:12

"But I discipline my body and bring it unto subjection, lest, when I have preached unto others, I myself should become disqualified"

1Corinthians 9:27

THE COINS WERE LOST IN THE HOUSE!

- ▶ She didn't hire a servant to sweep the house
- ▶ No ***“Hired Professional Coin Finders”***

Elders

Preachers

Deacons

Members

Everyone Needs To Share A Personal Responsibility For The Lost!



**THE COIN WAS SOUGHT BY THE
OWNER PERSONALLY!**

- ▶ All other business was set aside
- ▶ Meals that had to be fixed
- ▶ Water that had to be drawn
- ▶ Clothes that needed to be mended
- ▶ All of these items had to be placed on the “back burner”
- ▶ Finding the coin she had was more important than the new ones



LOOKING FOR THE COIN BECAME HER
#1 PRIORITY!

- ▶ Light had to be shed on the operation
- ▶ We have to do the same thing
- ▶ Since we are the **“light of the world”** Matthew 5:14-16, ask **Jesus to help His light in you help you look for your lost brothers, sisters, children, or parents(verse 16). It’s not you but the light in you** that makes the difference
- ▶ The woman swept like mad , she could have said:
“It’s just one coin”
“I’m comfortable with all of this dust and debris”
“Maybe it will show upon its own one day”



SHE LIT A CANDLE!

- ▶ Don't give up looking for your wayward child to come back to God
- ▶ Don't give up looking for your wayward brother or sister to come back to God
- ▶ Don't give up looking for your wayward husband or wife to come back to God
- ▶ Sometimes it takes them having years of experience with Satan to discover what you have already shown them (that he is a liar!)

Some Of Our Loved Ones Have To Touch The Iron And Get Burned!

**SHE DIDN'T GIVE UP UNTIL SHE HAD
FOUND IT!**

- ▶ In fact, in all three parables, there was great joy (lost sheep, lost coin, the wasteful son)

James 5:19-20

“My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save his soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.”

**FINALLY WHAT JOY THERE WAS
WHEN SHE FOUND THE COIN!**



Hear the Gospel

Acts 15:7

Believe the Gospel

Acts 15:7

Repent Of Sins

Acts 17:30

Confess Christ

Acts 8:37

Be Baptized

Acts 8:38

THE PLAN OF SALVATION

