

**BURIED TREASURE**  
**economy Series Part 3**

**March 22, 2009**

*“The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure that a man discovered hidden in a field. In his excitement, he hid it again and sold everything he owned to get enough money to buy the field.”*

Matthew 13:44

**The Treasure Principle:** \_\_\_\_\_

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*“Jesus told this story to his disciples: There was a certain rich man who had a manager handling his affairs. One day a report came that the manager was wasting his employer's money. So the employer called him in and said, ‘What’s this I hear about you? Get your report in order, because you are going to be fired.’ The manager thought to himself, ‘Now what? My boss has fired me. I don’t have the strength to dig ditches, and I’m too proud to beg. Ah, I know how to ensure that I’ll have plenty of friends who will give me a home when I am fired.’ So he invited each person who owed money to his employer to come and discuss the situation. He asked the first one, ‘How much do you owe him?’ The man replied, ‘I owe him 800 gallons of olive oil.’ So the manager told him, ‘Take the bill and quickly change it to 400 gallons.’ ‘And how much do you owe my employer?’ he asked the next man. ‘I owe him 1,000 bushels of wheat,’ was the reply. ‘Here,’ the manager said, ‘take the bill and change it to 800 bushels.’ The rich man had to admire the dishonest rascal for being so shrewd. And it is true that the children of this world are more shrewd in dealing with the world around them than are the children of the light.”* Luke 16:1-8

*“Here’s the lesson: Use your worldly resources to benefit others and make friends. Then, when your earthly possessions are gone, they will welcome you to an eternal home.”* Luke 16:9

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*“If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won’t be honest with greater responsibilities. And if you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven? And if you are not faithful with other people’s things, why should you be trusted with things of your own?”* Luke 16:10-12

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*“No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”* Luke 16:13

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**NEXT WEEK: “NO DEPOSIT, NO RETURN”**



**40 DAYS OF PRAYER & FASTING**

**Wednesday, February 18 — Sunday, March 29**

**THIS WEEK’S PRAYER FOCUS**

**Today we are asking everyone to participate in the 24 Hour Prayer Event this Friday, March 27.**

**THIS WEEK’S FAST: The Absolute Fast**

**After lunch on Wednesday, March 25 we will drink only water until dinner on Thursday. Seek God intently during this period regarding your imagine... three-year commitment. Next Sunday is our commitment celebration.**