

## Sell All

*Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all he has and buys the field.—Matthew 13:44*

In ancient Israel, when an individual found something on someone else's property, the item found belonged to the owner of the property. If the finder could buy the property he would have possession of the item he found.

God wants to give us treasure in a field that we do not own. That treasure may be the very thing that will glorify our Savior. The question is, what are we willing to pay for the opportunity to fulfill God's will. Now by buying the parable is not talking about money. Doing God's will costs us something. It may be giving up self-pity or self-righteousness. It may be giving up somethings in our life that we prefer to our Savior.

The field probably will not be a lovely beach or a lush spot next to a beautiful waterfall. Often God call us to the place we least want to go; to the field that is dry and brown, rough and full of stickers and weeds. God asks us to give up all to follow Him. Once we make that commitment, He can reveal His will. I believe that the treasure will include knowing the Savior better.

I recently had the privilege of talking to a woman who knows God wants her to take her family to Pakistan as missionaries. She has prepared to serve the Lord but she thought it would be in a university in Canada. She never dreamed she would need to willingly move her family into the turmoil of a country like Pakistan. She is very concerned about her children and yet she is willing to give all to follow God's will. God only knows the treasure that awaits her.

I do not know what selling all means in your life but I know in mine. What is it that God wants you to be willing to give up to do His will?