

Treasures

vv. 1-10 Followers of Jesus dare never begrudge the mercy others have received. The Gospel can save one sinner who repents just as well as another. The saving love of Jesus seeks and reaches out to all people.

Proverbs 31:10-31—v. 30b “...a woman who **fears the Lord** will be **greatly praised**.

v. 10 “Who can find a **virtuous** and **capable** wife? She is more precious than **rubies**.

v. 11 Her husband can **trust her**, and she will **greatly enrich his life**.

v. 12 She brings him **good, not harm, all the days of her life**.

v. 13 She finds **wool and flax AND busily spins it**.

v. 14 She is like a **merchant’s ship, bringing her food from afar**.

v. 19 Her hands are busy **spinning thread, her fingers twisting fiber**.

v. 20 She **extends a helping hand to the poor** and **opens her arms to the needy**.

v. 22 She makes her **own bedspreads**. She dresses in **fine linen** and **purple gowns**.

v. 24 She makes **belted linen garments** and **sashes to sell to the merchants**,

v. 31 Reward her for all she has done. **Let her deeds publicly declare her praise**.

In the verses listed above what kind of woman is the man’s wife?

What attributes have to do with **TREASURES**?

Luke 19:1-10

v. 2 Chief Tax Collector:

v. 3 [Zacchaeus] **tried to get a look at Jesus**, but he was **too short** to see over the crowd. ⁴ So **he ran ahead** and **climbed a sycamore-fig tree beside the road**, for **Jesus was going to pass that way**.

Zacchaeus saw his opportunity to see Jesus, but his short stature impeded his plan. So Zacchaeus shifted to Plan B.

Before Zacchaeus’s encounter with Jesus he relied on his material possessions as the source of his security. After his encounter with Jesus he realized that Christ

Jesus was the source of true security. He was convicted that **material possessions** could **only provide false security**. Zacchaeus understood he needed to repent of his sins, which required him to **change his ways**.

The first step was to divorce himself of his ties to his ill-gotten gain by giving half of his material wealth to the poor. **The second step** was to return, not just what he had defrauded, but to return more than he defrauded, four-fold more. **This restoration showed true repentance**.

vv. 5-7 Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for **I MUST stay** at your house today. ⁶ So he hurried and came down and [Zacchaeus] received [Jesus] joyfully. ⁷ And when they [Pharisees and scribes] saw it, **they all grumbled**, “He [Jesus] has gone in to be the guest of a man who is **a sinner**.”

“I MUST stay”—Divine Imperative.

New Living Translation v. 7 But the people were displeased. “He has gone to be the guest of **a notorious sinner**,” they grumbled.

Before Zacchaeus could put his plan into action, Jesus invites Himself to have a meal with Zacchaeus. Jesus’ normal action is stated in verse 10. **“For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost.”**

Zacchaeus expected to see Jesus, but he gained far more than just see Jesus. He gained the opportunity to host Jesus and receive forgiveness of all his sins. Little did Zacchaeus realize he would host his Savior and Redeemer. True God and true man—the one that would suffer and die for him and all people.

What might be modern day characters?

Pharisees and scribes?

Tax Collectors?

Sinners?

Pastors and lay leaders?

Sex Offenders?

Mentally ill?

Would you invite these people over for dinner?

Lepers, shepherds, funeral home employees, Garbage collectors.