

## SEEK AND SAVE

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In Luke 15:1-10 we read about a lost sheep and a lost coin. In both parables, something of value is lost. Whether it's a sheep or a coin, they both have monetary value. Nobody, including the religious leaders who valued material things, would ignore such a loss; rather they would put every effort into finding it and would rejoice whenever they did.

If this is true about things that are lost, shouldn't it also be true for people who are spiritually lost? By lost, I'm referring to those who are not Christians; those who are outside of the household of God but whom God desires to come home.

How should we respond toward those who are spiritually lost? If we would be concerned about a lost sheep or a lost coin, how much more should we be concerned about a lost soul that will spend eternity in a devil's hell if someone doesn't help find them and lead them to Christ.

Jesus had the tax collectors and the sinners gathering around Him. The lost were running to Jesus rather than running from Him. They were not avoiding Him; the bible says that they "drew near him to hear him."

Why were sinners eager to draw near to Jesus with a desire to listen to Him? I believe it was because they knew that Jesus cared about them. Jesus was a man of compassion.

Do people get the feeling whenever they are around us that we truly care about them?

Jesus was a friend to sinners. Jesus had an attitude that lost people were attracted to. Do we?

I'm afraid that many Christians that I have known through the years weren't very attractive. I don't mean that they were ugly; I mean that many of them had an ugly spirit. Many of them weren't very compassionate. Many of them were rude and harsh and judgmental.

God help us! God forgive us for not being more like Jesus! God help us to be more compassionate!

We should be more focused on seeking and saving than we are on criticizing and condemning.

We need more compassion. We need a burden for the lost. We need to be willing to leave where we are and seek out those who need to be saved.

Jesus came to seek and to save those who were lost. We are to be busy about His business.