

 Mat 13:45 The kingdom of heaven is like what happens when a shop owner is looking for fine pearls. After finding a very valuable one, the owner goes and sells everything in order to buy that pearl.

• 2Ch 9:20 Solomon's cups and dishes in Forest Hall were made of pure gold, because silver was almost worthless in those days.

 2Th 2:14 To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

 2Ti 2:2 You have often heard me teach. Now I want you to tell these same things to followers who can be trusted to tell others. As a good soldier of Christ Jesus you must endure your share of suffering but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts.

• 1 Tim 1:7 God's Spirit doesn't make cowards out of us. The Spirit gives us power, love, and selfcontrol. Don't be ashamed to speak for our Lord. And don't be ashamed of me, just because I am in jail for serving him. Use the power that comes from God and join with me in suffering for telling the good news. God saved us and chose us to be his holy people. We did nothing to deserve this, but God planned it because he is so kind. Even before time began God planned for Christ Jesus to show kindness to us.