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## 1. Entering God's Kingdom

1. Sower and seed (Mk.4:3-8;Lk.8:15) Â– 3 types of bad soil and 3 types of good soil (30,60 & 100)
2. Invitees to wedding feast (Mt.22:2-14) Â– Man refused to wear the freely-offered wedding-garment
3. Houses on rock and sand (Mt.7:24-27) Â– The importance of a good foundation - of obedience

## 2. Paying the Price

4. Seedtime to harvest (Mk.4:26-29) Â– Growth comes effortlessly, if we follow the laws of the Spirit
5. The mustard tree (Mt.13:31,32) Â– Artificial growth invites Satan's agents to settle in our midst
6. Building a tower (Lk.14:28-30) Â– "Disciple-making" (v.26,27,33) alone will complete the tower
7. Fighting the enemy (Lk.14:31,32) Â– The Lord can fight Satan with a few - if they're wholehearted
8. Hidden treasure (Mt.13:44) Â– We have to pay a price for some things in the Christian life
9. Pearl of great price (Mt.13:45,46) Â– We must value Jesus Himself over everything else

## 3. Loving God and Man

10. Two debtors (Lk.7:41-43) Â– Love for God comes from knowing how much we've been forgiven
11. Unforgiving servant (Mt.18:23-35) Â– We must forgive all others, because we've been forgiven much
12. Good Samaritan (Lk.10:30-37) Â– We must be alert to human need around us Â– in our home first of all
13. Sheep and goats (Mt.25:31-36) Â– The "righteous" helped their needy brothers and sisters

## 4. The Danger of Legalism

14. Two sons (Mt.21:28-31) Â– We must mean what we say to God - unlike the Pharisees
15. Blind leading the blind (Lk.6:39,40) Â– If we don't practice what we preach, we're spiritually blind
16. Wheat and tares (Mt.13:24-30) Â– The hypocrites look just like other believers - on the outside
17. Fig tree without figs (Lk.13:6-9) Â– Fig-leaves symbolize human righteousness Â– cursed by God
18. New cloth on old garment (Mt.9:16) Â– You can't put a patch of Jesus' life on to your Adamic life
19. New wine in old wineskins (Mt.9:17) Â– Grace (new wine) won't fit into the old religious system
20. Wise and foolish virgins (Mt.25:1-13) Â– Love for Jesus (oil) alone will make our light shine forever

## 5. Four Types of Backsliders

- 21 . Lost sheep (Lk.15:3-7) Â– Some go astray through carelessness and lack of fellowship

- 22. Lost coin (Lk.15:8-10) Â– Some go astray through the failure and neglect of the church
- 23. Prodigal son & Elder son (Lk.15:11-32) Â– Some go astray through rebellion or spiritual arrogance
- 24. Yeast in meal (Mat.13:33) Â– Corruption spreads easily in any church - so we must be watchful

#### 6. Spiritual Pride

- 25. Seating at wedding feast (Lk.14:7-11) Â– Always seek for the lowly place - as Jesus did
- 26. Laborers in vineyard (Mt.20:1-16) Â– There is hope for those who come to the Lord late in life
- 27. Master and slave (Lk.17:7-10) Â– When we have obeyed everything, we're still unworthy
- 28. Pharisee and tax-collector (Lk.18:9-14) Â– God opposes the proud and those who despise others
- 29. Children in market (Lk.7:31-35) Â– Religious people will criticize us no matter what we do

#### 7. Watching and Praying

- 30. Persistent widow (Lk.18:1-8) Â– A weak believer can prevail in prayer with his heavenly Father
- 31. Persistent neighbor (Lk.11:5-8) Â– We must seek for the gifts of the Spirit - to help others
- 32. Father and children (Lk.11:11-13) Â– God is better than the best of earthly fathers
- 33. Watching servants (Mt.24:45-51; Mk.13:34) Â– We must be alert Â– especially the doorkeepers
- 34. Fig tree and other trees (Lk.21:29-32) Â– Israel's return to the land is a sign of Christ's return

#### 8. Being Faithful With God's Gifts

- 35. Wicked tenants (Mt.21:33-41) Â– All we have is a loan from God - for which we are accountable
- 36. Rich fool (Lk.12:16-21) Â– He who is not "rich toward God" with his earthly life and things is a fool
- 37. Talents - 5,2 and 1 (Matt.25:14-30) Â– We must be faithful with the smallest gifts God gives us
- 38. Minas - 1 each (Lk.19:12-27) Â– Time is a gift that God has given in the same measure to all
- 39. Dishonest steward (Lk.16:1-8) Â– We must use money & material things to win people for heaven
- 40. Good and bad fish (Mt. 13:47,48) Â– God will finally separate His people from others for all eternity