

*Sermon Notes*  
*The Business of Being a Christian*  
“Rediscovering the Missing Jewel”

I. Introduction

A. Worldly views of the Christian faith are in free fall.

1. Data from the book “UnChristian,” 2008.

B. Pastor Don’s observations.

1. Defective in financial dealings

2. Defective in godly speech

3. Defective in personal dress

4. Defective in entertainment and amusement

5. Defective in elevating ourselves over God.

a. Example – from marriage

b. How not to finish your life – John Piper

C. Defining the term “Evangelical”.

1. Gospel – Evangelism – Orthodox Christian

D. Thesis statement of concern

1. The perception of being known as Evangelical or worldly have become so closely aligned so that lifestyle choices are nearly identical.

2. Authors of “UnChristian,” 2008.

3. Need for Shorter Catechism, Question #1.

II. Exposition

A. Rediscovering the missing jewel.

1. Matthew 13:44-46

B. Salient points

1. Contrast between the two men – one went looking while the other did not look but also found.

2. Comparisons

a. Both recognized the value of what they found.

1. Psalm 84:11, 19:10; 119:127-128; Phil 3:13-14

b. Both gave everything to make the purchase.

1. Sometimes the missing element in evangelism.

2. “A Mighty Fortress is Our God.”

c. Both acquired the treasure.

1. That is they took possession.

2. Having sold all they ordered their lives around what was now all to them.

III. Points for Reflection

A. If we truly have such a treasure would we continue to live as the statistics suggest?

B. Dear Brothers and Sisters – it is more than time to rediscover the priceless jewel who became poor that we might become rich, that made us His bond-servants that we might be truly free and put an end to the worship of ourselves so that we might worship the One who is altogether worthy.

C. Listen carefully in the coming weeks to the call to a new kind of business that puts God first in all things.