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Matthew 13:44-46

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A. _____. Both men realized what they have – something of great value. They intentionally *develop a plan* so that they might gain the treasure and keep their treasure. Neither cares what others think!

1. *Principle:* Priorities are never a question of _____. Rather they are a question of importance.

2. *Question:* What is our _____ for possessing an enjoying our relationship with Christ?

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1. _____. They sold whatever they needed to sell.

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