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Observation: What is happening here?

Context – This short parable concludes many parabolic teachings, such as: The Hidden Treasure, The Pearl of Great Value, and The Net.

Parabolic Symbolism:

- **Scribe trained for the kingdom = Disciple immersed in Scripture:**
Ezra 7:6–10; Matthew 13:51–52
- **Householder = Steward who shares his storehouse:**
Matthew 24:45–47
- **Treasures new & old = God's Word, both Law & Prophets and the new revelation of the kingdom:** *Psalm 119:11; Colossians 2:2–3; Matthew 5:17–19; Luke 24:27*

Interpretation: What can we learn?

Know Christ Before You Serve & Share

- The Gospel is Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. We must have this foundation first before growth and action!
- A trained scribe knows Scripture; it transforms his mind and heart.
- **Scripture:** *Hosea 4:6; Proverbs 4:7; 2 Timothy 2:15; Luke 24:45.*

Treasure Both the Old & the New

- Jesus fulfils the Law; disciples cherish the Old & New Testament.
- Study the scripture (context, connections, culture, etc) and be guided by the Holy Spirit.
- **Scripture:** *Matthew 5:17–19; Luke 24:27; Romans 15:4; 2 Timothy 3:14–17.*

Steward & Share for the Benefit of Others

- Disciples are stewards who bring out *treasure* to benefit others.
- It is important to find the connections between the Old and New Testament; prophecy, history, wisdom, and gospel meet in Christ.
- **Scripture:** *1 Corinthians 4:1; 1 Peter 4:10; Matthew 28:19–20; Colossians 3:16.*

Application: How should we live?

Seek Salvation First & Grow in Him

- Believe in Christ and be saved; then commit to growth and action!
- **Scripture:** *1 Corinthians 15:1–4; James 1:5; Psalm 119:18; John 16:13.*

Value the Whole Bible: Old & New

- Be fed by Scripture: Law, Prophets, Gospels, and Epistles.
- **Scripture:** *Romans 15:4; Psalm 1:1–3; Luke 24:44.*

Be a Faithful Householder

- Share what you learn: teach, encourage, and mentor others; live generously with God's truth.
- **Scripture:** *1 Peter 4:10; Hebrews 10:24–25; Matthew 5:14–16.*