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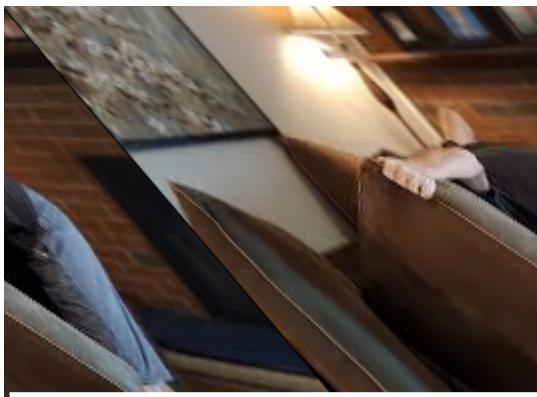
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Have you ever lost something? Be honest! We have all had to search for something lost. Maybe it was the television remote, or our car keys, or a valuable piece of jewelry. When we realize something is lost, we make every effort to locate it. We look under the couch cushions, under the bed, under chairs and everywhere we think the lost item might be. Often what was lost is never found and we end up replacing the item often at a great expense. This is especially true of the new car key fobs. They cost several hundred dollars to replace. We usually exercise great care that we do not lose something of great value.

In Luke 15 Jesus told about a woman who had ten silver coins. She lost one. She turned on a lamp, swept the house and searched carefully until she found it. She then called her friends and neighbors to help her rejoice saying, "I have found my lost coin." Jesus was teaching a lesson here about lost people being saved. Jesus said there is rejoicing in heaven among the angels over one sinner who repents.

It is possible to lose something and not realize it is lost until we need it. If we are not watching television, a lost remote will not even matter. We may not know it is lost until we need to change the channel. The same is true with us. We may not realize a lost condition spiritually. We may see our friends and neighbors every day. We may interact with them. We may entertain them in our homes. We may work with them on a daily basis. We see them as good people. They are fun to be around. They are not guilty of any crime or evil deed. It is hard for us to realize they are lost because they are so morally good. We need to see the lost and help them find their way through Jesus Christ. Jesus came to seek and save the lost and this is the mission He has passed down to us.

It is also possible that we do not realize our own lost condition. We are a good person. We attend worship services pretty often. We go to work everyday and we provide for our families. We even once in a while take time to pray and meditate on God's word. It is hard for us to realize that we might be lost and not know it. Are we putting God first in our lives? Are we talking to other people about their lost condition? Are we demonstrating love to everyone? Are we teaching our children in the way they should go? Are we kind to our spouse? Do we find fault with everyone and everything? These are just a few questions we need to ask ourselves to help us determine our true spiritual condition.

If we are lost, or we have a friend or neighbor who is lost, we need to be just as diligent in saving them as we are in finding a lost object. We exert every effort to find a lost item. We leave nothing unturned until we find that which was lost. We should have the same attitude toward souls that are lost. We need to do everything within our ability to save those lost in sin. If we are guilty of shortcomings, we should do everything to repent and be found once again in God's favor. Let us seek to save the lost. There is no greater task before us.