

The Parable of the Lost Coin

Luke 15:8-10

1. Relate the parable briefly.
2. In the parable, who or what is responsible for the coin's being lost?
3. What is the woman's attitude about the coin since she still has nine more?
4. What three things does the woman do to recover the coin?
5. What does the woman do when she finds the coin?
6. Does the woman accept responsibility for losing the coin?
7. Does it seem natural that the church should be personified as a woman?

8. If the woman represents the church, what is it that is valuable that the church loses sometimes?

9. What does the lighted candle or lamp represent?

10. How does the woman's intense search suggest the mission of the church?

11. In the parable of the lost sheep, how is the area of the search for the lost different from the area in the parable of the lost coin?

12. Are there ways that a silver coin is like a man?

13. In what way is a coin like a man in origin? (See Genesis 2:7)

14. How is the coin like a man in value? (See Matthew 16:26)

15. How is the coin like a man who has “fallen” or is a backslider?

16. What is suggested by the thought that the coin becomes increasingly difficult to recover the longer it is lost?

17. What is the first thing the woman did to find the coin that gives an example on how to find the lost?

18. What does the woman’s diligent search suggest about the church’s evangelization process?

19. What could the woman’s use of a broom to sweep the house suggest about the atmosphere of the church?

20. What does this parable, like the preceding one, stress about the reaction of heaven over the salvation of the lost?

21. Is the rejoicing over sinners saved restricted to the courts of heaven?

22. Are we doing enough to save the lost?