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MATTHEW



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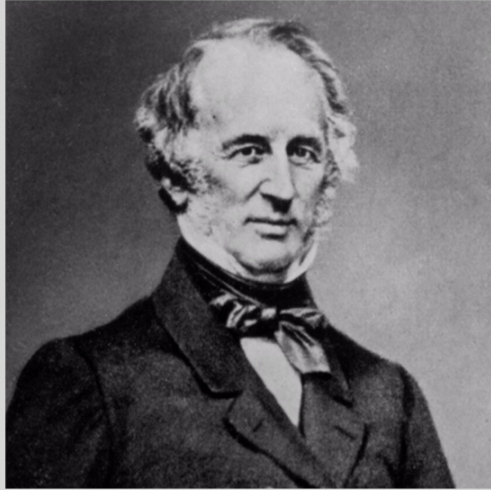


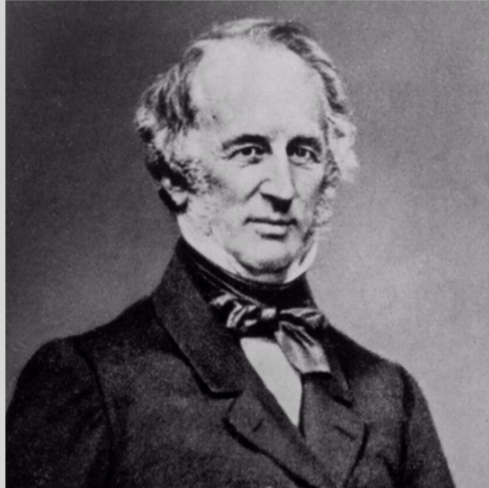
THE FIRST
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The Epic Life of
**CORNELIUS
VANDERBILT**

T. J. STILES





“Don’t be too anxious to make money. There’s enough for you all.”

Cornelius Vanderbilt

“That was the whole of his conversation.”

James Cross



PARABLES IN MATTHEW 13

"The kingdom of heaven is like . . ."

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“Have you understood all these things?”
They said to him, ‘Yes.’” (51)

“Are you still without understanding?”

Matthew 15:16

“For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but the things of man.”

Matthew 16:23b

So why doesn't Jesus correct them here?

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- They understand far more than the religious leaders and crowds.

So why doesn't Jesus correct them here?

- They are believing what they do understand.

Parable #8 - The Homeowners' Treasure

“And he said to them, ‘Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.’” (52)

trained (matheteuo) = to make a disciple,
teach/train

hospitable homeowner -

“brings out of his treasure what is new and
what is old” (52)

What treasure is Jesus referring to?

Could the homeowner be bringing out ...

- souvenirs?

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- souvenirs?
- family memorabilia?
- valuable coins/art?
- food and drink?

treasure (thesauros) =
a storehouse for precious things, treasury,
treasure, valuables

“Things of this year’s growth and last year’s gathering.”

Matthew Henry

“Thus the OT promises of Messiah ... have found their fulfillment in Jesus’ person, teaching, and kingdom;

“and the scribe who has become a disciple of the kingdom now brings out of himself deep understanding of these things and their transformed perspective affecting all life.”

D.A. Carson

Disciples of the kingdom value, practice, and share what they understand.

1. **value** -



Irenaeus

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- Knowledge is secret.

“These things are such as fall [plainly] under our observation, and are clearly and unambiguously in express terms set forth in the Sacred Scriptures.

“And therefore the parables ought not to be adapted to ambiguous expressions

“But to apply expressions which are not clear or evident to interpretations of the parables, such as everyone discovers for himself as inclination leads him, [is absurd].

“According to this course of procedure, therefore, man would always be inquiring but never finding, because he has rejected the very method of discovery

“Since, therefore, the entire Scriptures, the prophets, and the Gospels, can be clearly, unambiguously, and harmoniously understood by all, although all do not believe them ...;

“but they put fetters upon themselves, and every one of them imagines, by means of their obscure interpretation of the parables, that he has found out a god of his own.

“A sound mind, and one which does not expose its possessor to danger, and is devoted to piety and the love of the truth,

“will eagerly meditate upon those things
which God has placed within the power of
mankind ...

“and will make advancement in them,
rendering the knowledge of them easy to
him by means of daily study.”

Irenaeus

1. value -

2. **practice** -

“Therefore, every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom ...” (52)

Kingdom training is both ...
miraculous - given by God

“to you it has been given to know the secrets
of the kingdom of heaven” (11)

Kingdom training is both ...
miraculous - given by God
rigorous - trained

“And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

“teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:18-20

“The kingdom exists as a world-within-a-world. It’s just out of view of ordinary life, accessible not by will or power but by God’s grace.

“The Spirit reveals it to us, and once we see it, we’re invited to be one of the crazy ones who give all they have in hopes of living in that hidden world.”

Mike Cospers

“For you have died, and your life is hidden
with Christ in God.”

Colossians 3:3

“Seeing the kingdom isn’t enough; we must come to know it in the same way that an athlete comes to know her sport or an artist learns to paint or dance or sculpt.

“We don’t merely need information. We need to cultivate a way of life that orients us toward that other world.”

Mike Cospers

1. value -

2. practice -

3. **share** -

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“Is There a Future for Church Grandpas and Grandmas?”

“This is my heritage. I was blessed to know four of my great-grandparents personally, and my grandparents have also been committed to the Scriptures.

“My great-grandma Ollie’s education didn’t go beyond the 8th grade, but she knew her Bible and could recite portions by heart.

“My great-grandpa Champ lived for most of his life in rural Tennessee. Whenever I’d stop by to see him when he was in his 90s, he’d quote Scripture or reflect on a sermon he had recently listened to on a cassette tape.

“My grandparents, too, have been rooted deeply in the Word. My Grandpa Wax devoted years of his life to printing Bibles for distribution all over the world.

“My Grandpa Bill taught a Sunday school class for middle school boys, and nearly every time I visited his home, he’d ask about something he had read that morning,

“(‘Trevin, what do you think Paul means when he says “All the promises of God are ‘Yes’ in Christ Jesus?””). Inevitably he’d choke up and hold back tears as he reflected on God’s grace.

“My grandmothers, both still living, begin
each day in Scripture

“Likewise, my parents study and savor the Scriptures. My dad is constantly memorizing Psalms.

“My mom has stepped fully into her role as a church grandma by setting the remarkable goal of reading through the entire Bible each year for the next fourteen years

“and writing down comments, prayers, and counsel in the margins of note-taking Bibles she’ll pass down to each of her grandchildren.

“(Two of our kids have already received their ‘Grandma Bibles,’ and they’re treasures to behold.)

“The beautiful truth about church grandparents is that anyone can become a super-reader of the Bible.

“You don’t need a degree. My grandparents weren’t part of the ‘knowledge’ class. Some went to college; others didn’t.

“Some read widely; others were content with Readers Digest or the latest from John Grisham.

“I probably won’t be discussing Dostoevsky’s *The Idiot* or Kierkegaard’s *Existentialism* with my grandmothers anytime soon.

“But we sure can talk about the Gospels.
They know the stories of Jesus backward
and forward. They’ve immersed themselves
in the Psalms.

“They explore the Epistles as regularly and perhaps more reverently than most New Testament scholars. The Bible is life to them.

“Church grandpas and grandmas don’t emerge overnight. They don’t start their daily Bible reading habit after retirement.

“Their spiritual heritage is built over decades
– slowly, patiently, meditatively, listening
attentively as the Lord speaks through his
Word.”

Trevin Wax