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**WORD WITH
SHARAD AND PREMA**



VALUE OF A SOUL

“Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish” (Matthews 18:14).

The value of a soul in the sight of the Lord is very precious. He only understands it and therefore it caused Him to take the place of that lost soul on the Cross of Calvary and redeemed, and reconciled him back to Himself!

To describe it in simple and understandable language Jesus told a parable of the lost sheep, “What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it?” (Luke 15:4). Jesus was telling that the shepherd when he came home in the evening and let all sheep, nearly hundred of them go in the sheepfold by counting found one sheep is missing, only 99 sheep were there. He at the same time returned back to the forest and night started looking for the lost sheep and finally found it and came rejoicing home with the sheep (Luke 15:4-5).

The Bible says, “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life” (John 3:16).

I remember true story I heard the testimony sometimes back. One missionary couple from America came to the South India and worked nearly 26 years preaching the gospel of Christ but did not get any result that was expected from the mission board. Huge amount of money was spent on the missionary couple. After 25 years they were called back to America. Of course the couple also was sad in their hearts to see that they could not achieve the expected result.

Same church one fine day conducted one day conference and allowed people to share their testimonies. One young man stood and gave testimony: I am from South India and I came to America to do my further studies. I give all the glory to our Lord Jesus Christ for a missionary couple who shared gospel with me and I expected Jesus as my Savior and Lord! I am thankful to that couple. I have completely lost contact with them since my family was against Christians. But by the grace of God He opened a way for me to come to America and share this testimony with you for the glory of God Alone!

The amazing thing was the same missionary couple was present in that conference too. They got up and went on stage and called for that young Indian man on stage. And as soon as the young Indian man saw them he ran on the stage and hugged them and thanked them with tears. The young man was amazed to see them. All the congregation stood and clapped with tears. The missionary couple said, “This is the fruit of our 25 years labor in India and we are proud to see the wonder-working of our good Lord. All glory, honor to His Wonderful Name Alone!” Hallelujah!

I was with tears when I heard this testimony! Our good God only knows the value of a soul. One person was saved. The cost was 25 years labor for Christ in the strange land. Heaven rejoiceth to see this indeed! Never to underestimate the labor of any Lord’s servant who toils day and night sharing the gospel! Yes, our money which we give to the work of God is not wasted. It turns of winning of lost souls, and we put our treasure in heaven and one day we will get the reward for our generous sacrificial giving for the work of the Lord! So keep giving generously for the work of the Lord!

May our good Lord continue to bless you and your families! Prema and I love you so dearly and pray for you daily! Write us for we love to hear from you!

Remember, **Jesus is Lord** and take with you **the Word of God and Faith**, excellent traveling Companions. (Psalms 119:105; II Corinthians 5:7).

PRAY FOR US!