INTRODUCTION: MEANINGFUL STRUCTURES

A. THIRD UNIT (44-52; see 24-43; 3-23)

B. LITERARY CONNECTIONS: LIKE; AGAIN LIKE(2); LIKE (44; 45,47; 52)

C. THEMATIC CONNECTIONS: TREASURE (44,45,52)

D. THEMATIC CONCLUSION: JUDGMENT (47-50; see 30,36-43)

E. FINAL PARABLE: *THE DUTY OF PRIVILEGE* (51,52; see 24:45; Lk.12:48; 2Tm.1:14)

F. SYNTHETIC POINT: GET GOOD, FOR GOOD & GIVE GOOD (44-46; 47f; 52 /2C.5:21; Eph.2:1-10)

I. INCOMPARABLE WORTH (44-46)

A. HIDDEN TREASURE (44; see 16:24f; 19:27f; see Acts 9:3f; Phil.3:2f,7f; Is.65:1)

B. GREAT VALUE PEARL (45,46; see 19:16f,21f)

C. POINT: ALL IN (6:24f,33; Mk.8:36; Josh.7:1f; Acts 7 39; 2Pt.2:20f)

II. <u>DRAGNET</u> (47-50; see 4:18f; Jn.21:3f)

A. ALL KINDS OF THINGS (47,48; see 24f,38)

B. IN THE FULLNESS OF NETS (48.49; see 30,40; see Gal.4:4)

C. ANGELIC SORTERS (49,50; see 41; 24:31)

D. FURNACE; WEEP, GNASH (50; see 42)

E. POINT: BE GOOD! (48,49(versus 41); see 16:24f; 19:27f; see Rom.5:17; 2Cor.5:21; see Mt.7:17; Eph.2:1-10)

III. <u>HEAD OF A HOUSEHOLD</u> (51,52; see 1Tm.5:14)

A. UNDERSTANDING (51; see 11,16f,18f; see 34,35(Ps.78:2); 36f; 44f)

B. A DISCIPLED SCRIBE (52; see Phil.3:5,6 (Acts 5:34; 22:3; 26:24); 7f (Acts 9:1f); see Acts, letters)

C. NEW & OLD TREASURES IN TRUST (52; see 24:45; Rom.3:2; 1Cor.9:17f,22f; Gal.2:7; 1Th.2:4; 1Tm.1:11; 6:20; 2Tm.1:14; 2:2; Tt.1:3; see Acts 6:4; 1Tm.4:12f; 2Tm.3:14-4:8; Eph.5:26f (Ps.19:7f); 6:4f)

CONCLUSION: GET GOOD, FOR GOOD & GIVE GOOD (44-46; 47f; 52; see 2Cor.5:21; Eph.2:1-10)

<u>Discussion question:</u> Brethren, `what shall <u>WE do</u>? (see Acts 2:37f)