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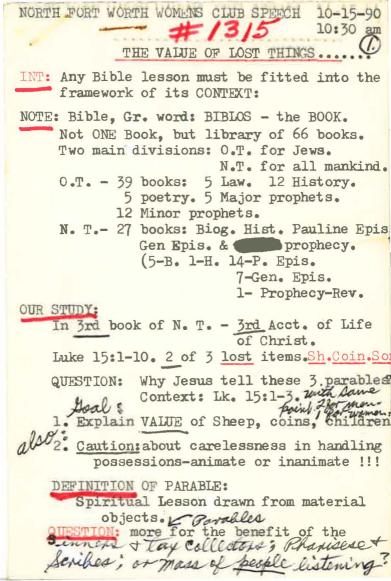
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WITH YOUR PERMISSION: Virtually by-passing the Lost Sheep story. SITUATION: 100 sheep. Shepherd. 1 strayed away. 99 grazing contentedly. Which in danger? Wise to abandon the 99 to seek just <u>one?</u> What Shepherd did! Dog could handle flock!!! QUESTION of Interest and Emphasis: Which sheep needed attention? Which <u>people?</u>? 1 rascal-sheep got all the attention.True. 99 loved and appreciated for behaving.

PARABLE OF THE LOST COIN:

Had 10. 1 missing. No big deal!! WAS TOO! Lit a lamp and started looking feverishly. Swept all the straw out of the house in frantic search. (straw floors -coin lik needle in a hay-stack.) Seized with panic! Furious house-cleaning ensued until COIN found. Why so Important?

- I. SEVERAL POSSIBILITIES:
 - Coin, the value of a day's meals. Reflect on her custody of family resources-poor **Tank**. No meal one day. (Problem:9 days off, why so frantic?)
 Romantic adornment: 10 coins on
 - 2. Romantic adornment: 10 coins on necklas, bracelet or frontlets. / Favorite boy=friend's gift. One gone, incur his disfavor. Why hurry tho?

3. Social Obligation. Keeping another's treasure. Just looking at them !!! No harm meant. Unworthy friend tho. (Still, why such a hurry????)

ans: Probaby

4.	CRISIS: To be or not to be: MARRIED.
*	Custom: Girls had dowryscarried into the union. 10 coins qualified !!!
	STORY: A Jewish maiden within hours of her wedding to some fine young man. Not possible on only 9 coins THEN, JUST STAY SINGLE! Terrible! Death! Three choices for Unmarried girls:
	 Slavery at Home.Scullery maid. Prostitution at Market Place Starvation. How valuable 1 coin?

II. WHAT WAS THE POINT? Leave of lost things in earthly affairs. Leave 99. Ignore the 9.

- 2. Had to do with Life & Death, Heaven & Hell, Time & Eternity, the Body and the Soul.
- 3. LESSON: Someday-----the first hours of Eternity----all mankind will understand the Value of Spiritual Salvation of the Soul. (Too late to change then!)
 - b. Souls of Sinners & Tax Collectors worth more than all the world---Let's SAVE THEM -- to Jewish Leaders.
 - c. The soul never dies. Exists forever somewhere! <u>NOW</u> is just right tome To take stock of Spr. condition and
 - PREPARE TO MEET OUR GOD.