



TREASURES IN HEAVEN

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Matthew 6:19-24

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness! No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

Jesus calls his followers to **choose their master.**

Mark 8:36

What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?

We have to **check our hearts!**

Matthew 6:21

Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 19:22

When the young man heard this, he went away sad...

- ❖ Am I willing to sacrifice everything but The Gospel for the sake of The Gospel?

We treasure **Jesus.**

My treasure **transforms me.**

We might be serving & loving money if...

- God is a means to an end: my personal **affluence**
- We have an **attitude** that says “my money is my money”
- We think we’ll only have true **happiness** through an ever-increasing flow of money into our lives

How do we cultivate a heart that loves God more than money?

- Realize that money is a means to an end: to invest in God’s **purposes**
- Choose to allow our hearts to **follow** our giving
- Believe that financial blessings give us the **opportunity** to be more generous toward God & others

Missions Month Takeaways

- God’s Mission Determines Our Mission
- We are an Inter-Generational Church
- Following Jesus Fully Costs Us
- We Must Be Willing to Sacrifice
- We’re Storing up Treasures in Heaven



Lesson Aim: To consider the value of eternal versus temporary investments – now.

Ice-breaker: What is something that you own that you consider valuable?

Open in prayer and ask the Holy Spirit to guide your time together.

1. **Read Matthew 6:19.** What does it mean to you to store up treasures for yourself in heaven? How do you do this?
2. What you see as valuable (money, wealth, power, attention, popularity, etc.) shows you where your heart is. What is something in your life that may distract, or has distracted, your focus from Jesus? How did, or can, you correct it?
3. **Read Mark 8:36.** How can the pursuit of “gaining the whole world” cause you to forfeit your soul? How can you tell if your pursuits are interfering with your relationship with Jesus?
4. **Read Matthew 19:16-22.** If Jesus told you today to give up everything that you had, how would you respond? What is something that would be difficult to give up?
5. When you imagine the life that you want, what pictures are in your mind? How does Jesus fit into these images?
6. How do we “train our hearts” to be more passionate and focused on heavenly rewards in a world that is pleasure and material-driven?

7. **Read Colossians 3:23-24.** What should we be working at with all of our heart? Why is it so important to understand that we are working for the Lord?
8. Missions month should be teaching us to live for the sake of building up the kingdom of God. **Read Matthew 10:42.** No act of service is too small. What is something you can do this week to help build up the kingdom of God?

Daily Devotional Plan – Promises from the Bible about keeping priorities in order.

Day 1 – Luke 12:29-31

Day 2 – Colossians 1:10

Day 3 – Matthew 22:37-38

Day 4 – 2 Timothy 2:22

Day 5 – Luke 22:27

Day 6 – Romans 12:2

Day 7 – Luke 12:29-31

To go deeper: Answer the following questions on a separate piece of paper/journal/laptop/etc.:

- What did you hear? (What did God say to you as you read the Scriptures for the day?)
- What do you think? (What does it mean to you, how does it apply to your life, and what difference will it make to you?)
- What will you do? (What action step will you take? How will you think differently? How will you live differently?)
- Now talk to God (Put your thoughts into prayer. It could be a prayer of gratitude or praise. It could be a prayer of confession or a request for God’s help. It’s up to you. But take a minute each day to write a prayer response to what you read in the Scriptures.)