

Treasures

Matthew 6.19-24

Overview

A. Jesus commands us to not lay up our treasures on earth (vs. 19)

1. Treasures are easily taken away
2. If you are treasuring them it exposes what your heart really loves (v 21)

B. Jesus commands us to lay up treasures in heaven (v 21)

1. Treasures there can never be taken away
2. If you are treasuring them it exposes what your heart really loves (v 21)

C. Jesus warns that we need to “have eyes to see” and if we don’t we are in a perilous position (v 22-23)

1. The eye serves as a way to take in treasures
2. If you can “see” true treasures and value them appropriately (v 21) then you are in light
3. If you have trouble “seeing” where your treasure is, “how great is your darkness”:
 - a. You are in a terrible place if you have trouble seeing your heart

D. Jesus tells us that it is not possible to serve two Masters (God & Money) (v 24)

1. Either you will serve one or serve the other...its not possible to serve both simultaneously

Questions

Discussion Starter: *Discuss the ways that things of the earth are vying for us to treasure them (Advertisements, TV/Movies, etc.).*

1. Read Matthew 1:1-18. What has Jesus been doing in relation to rewards in chapter 6 prior to this passage?
2. Read Matthew 6.19-24. What is wrong about building earthly treasures? Why do we still do it?
3. Why is it important to note that Jesus does not condemn building treasures? What is right about building heavenly treasures? (pull in prior verses in chapter 6)
4. How does what you treasure explain what your heart truly loves?
5. Why is it impossible to serve two masters? Explain what it looks like to serve each master.
6. Read Luke 12.15, Mark 4.19, 1 Tim. 6.9-10, Hebrews 13.5, James 5.1-3, Proverbs 11.28 and consider why the Bible is so replete with warnings about the love of money. Why is it this sin is so frequent in the Bible? Why is money so dangerous?
7. How did God overcome the ‘love of this world’? Explain how understanding and believing the gospel compels building treasures in heaven.
8. Read Isaiah 65.17-25 & Revelation 21 and take some time to consider heaven.
9. How does what we see serve to explain what we treasure? Why is not “seeing” such “great darkness”?
10. How does the Spirit of God and the Community of faith help us “see”?

Accountability Question: *What are the places you are seeing victory in laying up treasures in heaven? What are some places you are having difficulty laying aside the treasures of earth?*