



Treasure In Heaven

Matthew 6:19-24 ESV

1. JESUS CARES ABOUT WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS

...because He cares about your heart.

Matthew 6:19–21 *ESV* *Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

Some problems with treasuring *earthly* priorities:

****Wealth is a dangerous goal if you are tempted by money.***

1 Timothy 6:9 *Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.*

****Trusting in money for security is a false security.***

Proverbs 18:11 *The wealth of the rich is their fortified city; they imagine it a wall too high to scale.*

****Materialism doesn't satisfy either deeply or for long.***

Eccles. 5:10–11a *Whoever loves money never has enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income. This too is meaningless. As goods increase, so do those who consume them.*

2. JESUS CARES ABOUT WHERE YOU LOOK FOR JOY

...because He knows you'll find it only in Him.

Matthew 6:21-23 *ESV* *The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!*

John 8:12 *When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."*

Some advantages of treasuring *heavenly* priorities:

***You can stop worrying about your basic needs.**

Mt. 6:31-33 ESV *Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.*

***You will find abundant resources to do every good work.**

2 Corinthians 9:6-8 *Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.*

***You can start finding joy in generosity.**

1 John 3:17-18 *If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.*

3. SERVE GOD ONLY AND ALWAYS.

Matthew 6:24 ESV *No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.*

Investing in the kingdom of heaven is always a good deal!

Matthew 13:44 ESV *"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." -Jesus*

Today, where will you choose to lay up your treasure?

Joshua 24:15 *"But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve... But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." -Joshua*