

Sermon Summary and Questions

Passage: Matt 6:19-23

Main points & Questions

Here are the main points summarized, with powerful questions for reflection:

Choice of Treasures

- **Summary:** Earthly Treasures vs. Heavenly Treasures: Jesus urges us not to store up treasures on earth, which are temporary and vulnerable, but to store up treasures in heaven, which are eternal and secure. Reflection of the Heart: Where your treasure is, your heart will be also. Our attitude toward money and possessions reveals our true values.
- **Question:** Where Are Your Treasures?: What do your spending habits reveal about your heart and priorities? Are you investing in earthly or heavenly treasures?

The Eye as the Lamp of the Body

- **Summary:** Healthy vs. Unhealthy Eye: The condition of our "eye" (or perspective) affects our whole being. A healthy eye signifies a generous heart, while a bad eye indicates greed and darkness. Our inner state (heart) dictates our outward actions. True kingdom living stems from a heart transformed by God's love.
- **Question:** What is the condition of my "eye"? Is my perspective on wealth and possessions generous and focused on others, or is it self-centered and driven by "storing up" (greed)?

Serving Two Masters

- **Summary:** Mastery of Money: Jesus emphasizes that one cannot serve both God and money (Mammon). Money can become a controlling master, drawing our devotion away from God. Jesus asks for our total devotion to Him, warning against the dangers of divided loyalty.

- **Question:** Who or what am I truly serving? Do I serve God with undivided loyalty, or am I divided by a pursuit of wealth that competes for my devotion? Do you feel any tension between serving God and pursuing financial security? In what ways can you ensure your devotion remains focused on God?

Kingdom Value System

- **Summary:** Contrast with Cultural Views: The sermon highlights the radical shift from worldly views of wealth and security to a kingdom perspective focused on generosity and eternal values. This includes generosity, supporting kingdom work, and a transformed heart rooted in the gospel.
- **Question:** How can you apply Jesus' teaching of "storing up treasures in heaven" in your daily life? What practical steps can you take to align your financial decisions with God's kingdom?

Money's Power and Its Proper Use

- **Summary:** Money can falsely promise security, peace, and fulfillment—which only God can truly provide. Jesus addresses this illusion by pointing to examples of financial ruin among the wealthy, encouraging believers to invest in God's kingdom rather than amassing worldly wealth.
- **Question:** In what ways can we shift our perspective on money from seeking personal security and fulfillment to viewing it as a tool for advancing God's kingdom, and what steps can we take to ensure our financial decisions reflect this purpose?

Spend time in prayer as a group.