

Treasure in Heaven

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Matthew 16:19-34

1) As a believer, what do I treasure?

These 3 words help us see what we “treasure”:

Time

Money

Thoughts

Saying what I treasure and actually treasuring may be two different things.

2) Do I have “dueling” treasures?

No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

Matthew 6:24

Jesus tells us we can't serve two masters. It can't be God and...

Money, fame, possessions, status, intellectual smarts, just to name a few.

The dangers of covetousness and idolatry (putting something in God's place):

Enslavement- “It is not wrong to possess things, but it is wrong for things to possess us”. ~ **Warren Wiersbe**

Loss of **Testimony** – worry “*Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’*”³² *For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.*”³³ *But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.*

Matthew 6:31-33

“Worry is believing God won't get it right.”~ **Todd Wagner**

Loss of **Joy** today – *Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.*

Matthew 6:34

Now behold, one came and said to Him, “Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?” So He said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.” He said to Him, “Which

ones?” Jesus said, “‘You shall not murder,’ ‘You shall not commit adultery,’ ‘You shall not steal,’ ‘You shall not bear false witness,’ ‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” The young man said to Him, “All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?” Jesus said to him, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.” But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

Matthew 19:16-22

Jesus will not be one of many “treasures.”

3) Am I building up treasures on this earth or treasures in Heaven?

“Do not exhaust your strength, and spend your days, in providing for the life here, but let your chief anxiety be to be prepared for eternity.”~ **Warren Wiersbe**

Do you and I spend a lot of time on “**trivial**” matters?

Jesus tells us to store up treasures in Heaven instead of on earth.

Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

2 Timothy 4:8

“And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.”

Revelation 22:12-13

Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor.

1 Corinthians 3:8

Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

1 Corinthians 10:31

*And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ. **Colossians 3:23-34***

Prayer Focus:

God, direct my heart and mind so that You are my Ultimate Treasure. God, what do I really treasure?

God, help me lay down any “dueling” treasures.

God, help me to serve You, only building up treasures in Heaven, not here on earth.