

## Getting to the Heart of Your Money

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Matthew 6:19-24 "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 22 "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, 23 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! 24 "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.

One of the greatest challenges for the thoughtful disciple of Jesus Christ is money. Our possessions. Scripture records that Jesus teaches and warns more about this topic than any other. Jesus teaching in 6:19-24 include 3 concrete images or metaphors to teach us how to get to the heart of this issue:

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| 3. Who is your master?      | 24    |

### Where is your treasure? 19-21

A prohibition . . . stop accumulating for yourselves \_\_\_\_\_.

A command . . . lay up or accumulate for yourselves \_\_\_\_\_.

The reason . . . your heart follows your \_\_\_\_\_.

### Getting to the heart of your treasure . . . *Where is your treasure?*

1. Accumulate treasure in heaven \_\_\_\_\_, knowing that your Father is a cheerful provider.

*"Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. 33 Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. 34 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Luke 12:32*

2. Accumulate treasure in heaven \_\_\_\_\_ to have people meet you in heaven.

*And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings. Luke 16:1-9*

3. Accumulate treasure in heaven with \_\_\_\_\_ knowing it is producing a harvest of righteousness.

*The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7 Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. 2Corinthians 9:6-8*