

Sermon On The Mount

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 lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. ²³ But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness! ²⁴ "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.

1. After reading through these verses, what would you say to someone if they asked you what they are about?
2. Jesus began this portion of His sermon with the warning: *Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth*. What does He say will eventually happen to our *earthly treasures*?
3. In your own words, describe what it means to *lay up for yourselves treasures on earth*?
4. What is Jesus calling us to do with our *earthly treasures*?
5. In your own words, describe what it means to *lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven*?

6. In contrast to *laying up treasures on earth*, what does not happen to *treasures laid up in heaven*?

7. Meditate on the words of Matthew 6:21 as you write them below:
 - a. What does the location of a person's *treasure* say about that person?

 - b. How can we determine where our *treasure* is (and thus where our *hearts* are)?

8. What do the following verses confirm about what Jesus has been teaching about *laying up treasures*?

Proverbs 23:5

Luke 12:20-21

1 Timothy 6:17-19

9. Matthew 6:22 says, "*The lamp of the body is the eye*". What is the purpose of a lamp?
 - a. How are our *eyes* like a *lamp*?

- Note:** This section is addressing 1) how we see things 2) what we see

10. From the text, what is the result of:

a *good eye*

a *bad eye*

11. The Greek word translated as *good* has also been translated as *single*. Describe an *eye* that is *single*.
 - a. How does Proverbs 4:25-27 describe a *single eye*?

12. This advice regarding the contrast between the effects of a *good eye* and that of a *bad eye* follow the direction regarding the contrast of *laying up our treasures on earth* and *laying up our treasures in heaven*. How do you think these two statements are related?
 - a. How does Matthew 6:24 relate to these statements?

13. In what way have you been challenged by Jesus' admonition regarding where you *lay up your treasures*?

14. What do you think is the overall message of Matthew 6:19-24?

*Let your conduct be without covetousness;
be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said,
"I will never leave you nor forsake you."
- Hebrews 13:5*