

Treasures; Matthew 6:19-21

- I. Desire
 - a. What do you desire?
 - i. Ask anyone that question and you will get a bunch of different answers
 - ii. A bigger home, a newer car, a better computer (or program), better golf clubs, etc.
 - b. We have the same problem the Apostles had when they were walking with Jesus – our mind is set on material things
- II. Heart
 - a. Matthew 6:19–21 (ESV) ¹⁹ “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.
 - b. Jesus admonishes His disciples to get their minds out of the material world in into the spiritual realm
 - c. Treasures – “one person’s trash is another person’s treasure”
 - i. Ask 50 people what they treasure, and you are likely to get 50 different answers
 - ii. Ask God what He wants us to treasure, and we get precise answers
 - iii. Matthew 13:44 (ESV) ⁴⁴ “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.
 - iv. We should treasure the Kingdom of Heaven (and I do not mean living our eternal life in heaven)
 - v. Mark 9:1 (ESV) ¹ And he said to them, “Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God after it has come with power.”
 - vi. The Kingdom of Heaven is here, now
 - vii. The Kingdom of Heaven is the age of the church
 - viii. We should treasure being a part of the church
 - d. Treasures in Heaven
 - i. 1 Timothy 6:17–19 (ESV) ¹⁷ As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.
 - ii. We have talked a lot about the meaning of our lives being found in good works (Ephesians 2:10, Titus 2:11-3:1, etc.)
 - iii. The idea here is the desire to do them (Jonah)
 - iv. We should set our heart on these treasures
 - v. “I want him to WANT to do the dishes”

- e. God wants our hearts set on the work of the church
- III. Eyes
- a. Matthew 6:22–23 (ESV) 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!
 - b. “Let there be light”
 - i. Steve and I were talking the other day about photography (in relation to the Kingdom) and how every time you take a picture you are reliving God’s first words, “Let there be light”
 - ii. You are allowing light to enter the camera and produce a picture on media
 - iii. This the same concept Jesus is talking about in these versus
 - iv. ““The eye is the lamp of the body;” The background of this statement was the Jewish concept of the eye being the window of the soul. What one allows into his thought-life determines who he is. Thought produces desire, desire produces action, action reveals the person.” ¹
 - v. We are allowing pictures into our media (the brain)
 - vi. Those pictures produce desires that we act on
 - vii. This is why it is so important to be careful what we watch, listen to, and read
 - viii. Philippians 4:8 (ESV) ⁸ Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.
 - ix. If we continually fill our eyes (mind, heart) with things that are against God’s will (bad), then we will begin to act on those desires
 - x. GIGO – garbage in, garbage out
 - xi. We would do well to remember “let there be light” in everything we see
 - c. “Be careful little eyes what you see”
- IV. Masters
- a. Matthew 6:24 (ESV) 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.
 - b. The Greek word translated ‘money’ is also a transliteration, ‘mammon’ meaning possessions or wealth
 - c. Master - one who is in charge by virtue of possession, *owner* ²
 - i. 1 Corinthians 6:19–20 (ESV) ¹⁹ Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰ for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

¹ Robert James Utley, [*The First Christian Primer: Matthew*](#), vol. Volume 9, Study Guide Commentary Series (Marshall, TX: Bible Lessons International, 2000), 56.

² William Arndt et al., [*A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature*](#) (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2000), 577.

- ii. 1 Corinthians 7:23 (ESV) ²³ You were bought with a price; do not become bondservants of men.
 - iii. We are a 'people for God's own possession' (1 Peter 2:9)
 - iv. 2 Peter 2:1–3 (ESV) ¹ But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction. ² And many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of truth will be blasphemed. ³ And in their greed they will exploit you with false words. Their condemnation from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.
 - v. This is a very serious admonishment (or warning)
 - vi. Satan is actively trying to separate you (us) from God
- d. To whom do you (we, us) belong?
 - i. We cannot be of the world and also of the Kingdom
 - ii. We have to choose
- V. Treasures in Heaven
 - a. We must be the kind of people that desire to do God's work
 - b. We must be careful what we allow into our minds because that is what we eventually become
 - c. We are bought with the precious blood of Christ