

Where is Your Treasure?

Matthew 6:19-24

What is a Treasure?

1. You obsess about it
2. You will sacrifice for it (time, energy, money)
3. If you have it, your life is worth living

Jesus will teach us:

1. How to choose your treasure (v.19-20)
2. How to pursue your treasure (v.22-23)
3. How to gain your treasure (v.21)

Parallel passage: Luke 12:32-34

“Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. 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. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

How to choose your treasure

Heavenly treasure:

- It's unseen
- It's in the future
- It's permanent

Earthly treasure:

- It's visible
- It's here right now
- It's perishable

How to pursue your treasure

- 1 With a clear choice (v.19-20, 24)--"do not store . . . but do store"
- 2 With a one-track mind (v.22-23)
- 3 With a full heart (v.21)

How to gain your treasure

- Fix your mind on God's sacrificial giving
- Receive God's overwhelming riches
- Give them away to overwhelm others

Storing up treasures in heaven--how does this look in real life?

1. Lifestyle cutbacks
2. The cross as the standard, not the tithe
3. Criticism from the world
4. Criticism from the church--Jesus critiqued the Pharisees
5. Missionary mindset
6. Gospel demonstration--money where your mouth is
7. Miraculous impact in normal situations