



“Our Greatest Treasure”

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Fun Question: Hypothetically, would you rather talk like Yoda or breath like Darth Vader? Why? You must pick one because for some unknown reason, this has become the unfortunate fate for all mankind.

1. “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” - *Matthew 6:19-21*

When the Bible talks about “heaven” it isn’t referring to the afterlife—the focus is almost always on the place where God dwells even *in this present age*. When Jesus tells us to store our treasures in heaven, his point is that we ought to value the things that matter to God and not in the things that the world chases after rather than an emphasis on delayed gratification.

What are the areas in your life that you feel aligned and/or mis-aligned as it pertains to the things that are on God’s heart?

2. “The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness.” - *Matthew 6:22-23*

Think of the above verses like this: If your body is a room, then your eyes are like lamps that either allow or not allow light into that room. The lens through which you see the world around you will have a profound impact on the kind of heart you will possess and the person that you become, especially when it comes to money. Jesus is saying that when we see money and possessions through distorted eyes it clouds our minds and darkens our hearts so that we want all the wrong things.

Main point: When we don’t see clearly, we devalue the things that God cares about and chase after the things that have little value in his eyes.

What are some ways that we can have a distorted view of our own wealth? How would you go about regaining a sober view/perspective of money and life?

3. "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money".
-Matthew 6:24

Jesus exposes the lie that we can pursue both God and money. He argues that there is an inherent conflict of interest between serving God and pursuing wealth that cannot be resolved.

What is/are the way(s) you can find yourself serving money? What makes the lie that we can serve both God and money so deceiving?

"Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it." -
Matthew 10:39

What would losing your life in order to find it look like when it comes to guarding our hearts from the temptation and deception of money?

4. Please lift up any pressing needs amongst your Life Group and pray for one another, that Jesus will continue to be Lord and invade and challenge every aspect of our lives.

Deeper Study

5. Read, observe, and interpret Matthew 10:34-37. What does this passage say about what unqualified allegiance to Jesus looks like and what does that look like for you today?