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“Whole and Undivided”
Matthew 6:22-24
The Manifesto of the King

Introduction:

God calls us to be undivided people.

Undivided Focus

Matthew 6:22 – “The eye is the lamp of the body; so then if your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light.”

1.) Our focus affects our direction.

2 Timothy 4:3-4 – “For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth to wander off into myths.”

Undivided Direction

Matthew 6:23 – “But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!”

2.) There is only one way to the light but many paths to darkness.

Hebrews 12:1-2 – “Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

1 John 1:7 says, “But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin.”

Undivided Loyalty

Matthew 6:24 – “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

3.) Jesus wants our undivided loyalty.

Serve=Greek “douleuō”—the work of a doulos (slave or bondservant).

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 – “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, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.”

Wealth=Aramaic “mamōna”—speaking of one’s wealth or property.

Conclusion: Unconditional Surrender

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1.) What did you find new, helpful, or confusing about today’s message?
- 2.) Who is someone you can think of that is a person of integrity?
- 3.) Do you think integrity is valued more or less today than it was in the past? Why do you think that is the case?
- 4.) What are some of the different areas or compartments of your life?
 - a. How easy or difficult is it to be a consistent person in these different areas?
- 5.) What are some of the “terms” you’ve tried to offer to Jesus in order to surrender to Him?
 - a. What are some ways Jesus is calling you to surrender unconditionally?