



# Sermon Guide: Warnings about Wealth - 05/31/26

Text(s): Matthew 6:19-21 & 24

**Big Idea:** *Biblical warnings about wealth lead us to adopt an eternal perspective and obedient actions for God's glory and eternal rewards in Christ.*

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**Summary of the Sermon** - The Bible teaches that wealth is deceptive because it can create the illusion of satisfaction and security. The satisfaction and security that rest solely in faith in Christ and the hope of eternal life with him. Wealth is seductive because it competes for our hearts and affections and can lead us to abandon faithfully pursuing Christ. And wealth is temporary because every earthly possession will eventually pass away ("There is no U-haul behind a Hearst"), making eternal treasures in Christ infinitely more valuable - because all will appear before his judgement seat to receive reward for what is done in this life.

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## Discussion Questions

### Wealth is Deceptive

1. Jesus warns that wealth can deceive us (Luke 12:16-21). In what ways can money convince us that we are more secure, significant, or independent than we really are?
2. What are some subtle signs that your trust may be shifting from God toward financial security?
3. How does our culture define a "good life," and how does that differ from the vision of life Jesus presents (Matthew 16:25-26)?
4. Have you ever experienced a season where God revealed that something you thought would satisfy you ultimately didn't? What did you learn?

### Wealth is Seductive

5. Why do you think wealth and possessions exert such a powerful pull on the human heart?
6. Our affection and love should belong to God alone, but wealth competes for our affection and love - What possessions, experiences, or financial goals are most likely to compete with your devotion to Christ (Matthew 6:24)?
7. How can a person know the difference between wisely stewarding resources and becoming consumed by the pursuit of more?
8. In what practical ways can generosity weaken the grip that wealth can have on our hearts?

### Wealth is Temporal (continued on back)

## **Wealth is Temporal**

9. How would your priorities change if you consistently viewed your possessions as temporary gifts meant to be used for Christ rather than our permanent treasures?
10. When you think about eternity, what investments seem most valuable? Which seem less important than they often feel today?
11. What is one area of your time, money, or energy that may reveal what you treasure most right now?

## **Bringing It All Together**

12. If someone observed your calendar, daily decisions, and how you spend your money, what would they conclude you believe is truly valuable? Would that match what you want to be true about your relationship with Christ?