



Open - Open Hearted

What is one thing you have to do and you just don't want to do it but you do it anyway?

What happens if you don't do it?

Matthew 6:21 NLT

Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.

How can we see this in everyday life? Can we tell what people treasure inwardly by what they display outwardly? If so, how?

What does what we treasure reveal about our heart?

How does it determine who we will become?

Read: Genesis 4:1-12, 1 Timothy 6:10, Jude 1:11, Ephesians 6:16, Matthew 23:23-24

A life open to God's blessing isn't concerned with money first, it is a heart issue first.

How is this displayed in the lives of Cain and Abel?

Did Cain's lack of faith cause him to be a murderer?

Cain's heart was consumed with greed and rebellion. Abel's heart was characterized by his priorities and faith.

Is it wrong to want more money, stuff, or things? Yes or no? Why?

How does honoring God with our tithes protect our hearts from the materialism that so easily overwhelmed our world?

A heart strengthened in faith repels the enemy. Have you found this to be true?

God's blessing isn't tied to the amount you give as much as it is tied to the submission of your heart to His. The Pharisees tithed even on the mint and other spices in their gardens, and yet their hearts were far from the Lord's. Why? Why does giving with a good heart make a difference?

Discuss this statement: **"God wants your heart, not your wallet, but he will never have your heart as long as you put your faith in money."** Is that true? If yes, how have you found it to be true? If no, why not?

How can we know that our hearts are in the right place when we give?

How can we pray for each other?