

I want to end the message with 3 very penetrating questions:

- 1) What is your greatest treasure?
- 2) What are your eyes focused on?
- 3) Who or what are you servicing?

May we not get to the end of our lives having only pursued this temporal world.

May the treasure of our heart be Jesus and the eternal things of God.

May we be givers because we have found God's heart.



SERMON SERIES: Looking Up! Reaching Out!

MESSAGE: Worship Through Giving

TEXT: Matthew 6:19-21

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A couple of years ago I took you through a series of messages on Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. The entire sermon is found in Matthew 5-7.

It is made up of 22 little vignettes or sermonettes that give us incredible insight into what it is to be a true follower of Jesus and to be a part of His Kingdom.

Matthew 5 begins with what we call the Beatitudes in verses 1-12.

- We are to be SALT and LIGHT (5:13-16)
- Jesus is the FULLNESS of the Torah (5:17-20)
- Then He speaks of the outward sins of murder, adultery, and divorce and how they are really a heart issue (5:21-32).
- A warning against false OATHS (5:33-37)
- And going the SECOND MILE and loving your ENEMIES (5:38-48).

When we get to chapter 6 it is important to see that 11 times Jesus mentions the Heavenly Father and our relationship with Him (Verses 1, 3, 6, 8, 9, 14, 15, 18, 26, and 32).

The chapter begins with Jesus addressing the 3 great virtues of Jewish life.

1) Doing CHARITABLE DEEDS (6:1-4)

2) PRAYING (6:5-15)

3) FASTING (or Repentance) - “afflicting the soul” (6:16-18)

That brings us to Matthew 6:19-21 where Jesus gives a powerful message concerning our response to things, money, and materialism and how it’s all related to our walk with the Heavenly Father...

(Matthew 6:19-21) - *“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

There are 3 truths from these verses that I want you to grasp and take home with you today...

I. TRUTH #1 SPEAKS to THE TEMPORAL

Jesus warns us...

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal...

The temporal things of this world come with...

1. Incredible attraction

But the temporal can also

2. Become an incredible distraction

II. TRUTH #2 SPEAKS to THE ETERNAL

Jesus admonishes...

²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

“How do we lay up for ourselves treasures in Heaven?”

Jesus pointed to TWO things!

1) Your eternal soul

(John 3:3-6)

2) Your earthly will

(Mark 8:34-37; Hebrews 11:13-16; 1 Peter 1:3-4a; 1 Peter 1:7b-9)

III. TRUTH #3 SPEAKS to the TRANSFORMATIONAL

This is the key to it all in verse 21...

²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

It’s all about your heart and your relationship with God.

(Proverbs 4:23) - *Above all else guard your heart, for it is the spring of life.*