

A. SERMON SLIDES

Slide 1: Title
Kingdom Treasure
Matthew 6:19-34

Slide 2:

Matthew 6:19–34 (ESV)

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

“The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

“No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?”

Slide 3:

"And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the

not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

"Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble."

Slide 4:

- I. Understand (The Concept of Treasure)
- II. Diagnose (Why Earthly Treasure is so Dangerous)
- III. Surgery (How to Get a Secure Treasure)

Slide 5:

Understanding Treasure

Wanting more value, control and dominance (on our own terms)

Slide 6:

Story of the Bible

Slide 7:

- a) Clothes (fabrics) (duds)
- b) Crops (fruit) (drupe)
- c) Coin (funds) (dough)

Slide 8:

- a) Clothes/Moth
- b) Crops/Rust
- c) Coin/Thieves

Slide 9:

What is the Danger?

- a) It Blinds Us (vs 22,23)

It's not like being in the dark. A bad eye makes everything "dark."

Slide 10:

2) Family

3) Education

Slide 11:

What is the Danger?

a) It Blinds Us (vs 22,23)

b) It Binds Us (vs 21, 24)

Slide 12:

Whatever (whoever) you go to for value, control and power is your functional savior. And your functional savior IS your lord!

Slide 13:

Surgery (How are we healed?)

1) Think (Faith)

Faith requires thinking

Slide 14:

Two stories to Ponder:

a) Joseph in Egypt

Genesis 50:19–20 (ESV)

But Joseph said to them, “Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.

b) Jesus at the Cross

Acts 2:23 (ESV)

...this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.

Slide 15:

Surgery (How are we healed?)

1) Think (Faith)

2) Experience (Feel)

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

Slide 17:

We treasure Him because He treasured us. We love because He first loved us.

You were not loved because you were valuable. You are valuable because He loves you.

B. GROUP DISCUSSION

1) Read Matthew 6:19-34. Take time to discuss some of the thoughts and ideas that impacted you through that section of the Sermon on the Mount. What would be some of the questions you would ask of Jesus to clarify more deeply or clearly His message?

2) Discuss the idea of "treasure."

How does this show up in Eden? How does this reveal itself in all sin? How does this show up in Satan's testing of Jesus in the wilderness? What does it mean to treasure an earthly treasure?

3) Jesus says that when there are earthly treasures we treasure it blinds us. When someone is blind they have to feel their way to reality. How can one "feel" their way to an earthly treasure?

4) Jesus says that when there are earthly treasures we treasure it also binds us. Explain how our treasures become our functional saviors, and therefore our functional masters.

5) Talk honestly with your group. What are the things that cause you to lose sleep? What are the areas where you feel the most vulnerable to suffering? Where do you most effortlessly spend your time, money and resources?

6) Jesus says that we need to do a couple of things to have surgery and

1) Think: How does belief in (functional trust) God's Word heal our anxieties?

2) Experience: How does "falling in love" with a God who treasures us heal our anxieties?

7) Prayer and praise