

## Not for the Crowd Pt. 5

*Matthew 6:19-21*

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Who are we really living for?

In a world obsessed with applause, and platform, Jesus invites us into something different.

He calls us away from the spotlight and into the “secret place”, the place where motives matter more than appearances, and where the Father sees what no one else can.

Last time we talked the benefits of fasting; today, Jesus shows us how to build a life that lasts forever, by investing eternally, instead of seeking temporary treasures

**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; 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.”

### DON'T CHASE THE WIND

**Ecclesiastes 2:10-11** “Whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them. I did not withhold my heart from any pleasure, For my heart rejoiced in all my labor; And this was my reward from all my labor. Then I looked on all the works that my hands had done And on the labor in which I had toiled; And indeed all was vanity and grasping for the wind. There was no profit under the sun.”

*“Jesus was not making an absolute prohibition against gathering wealth to oneself, but rather teaching that money is to be used for eternity rather than time.”* – Dr. Grant C. Richison

**1 Corinthians 6:12** “All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.”

### INVESTING ETERNALLY

**1 Peter 1:3-4 (NIV)** “Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you.”

**Colossians 3:23-24 (NIV)** “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, 24 since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.”

**Matthew 10:42** “And whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward.”

**Deuteronomy 15:10 (NIV)** “Give generously to them and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to.”

*“Our material treasures will not pass from this life to the next; but the good that has been done for the kingdom of God, through the use of our treasures lasts for eternity, and the work God does in us through faithful giving will last for eternity.”* – Pastor David Guzik

## **RE-POSITION THE HEART TO HIM**

**1 Timothy 4:8 (NIV)** “For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.”

**Matthew 13:45-46** “...the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.”

## **HOW DOES THIS APPLY TO MONDAY MORNING?**