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CHURCH OF MADISON

Sermon Guide for Tribes

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Series Title: Stewardship
Sermon Title: Always a Portion, Sometimes a Sacrifice
Scripture: Matthew 6:19-24

19 (A)“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where (B)moth and rust[a] destroy and where thieves (C)break in and steal, 20 (D)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.

22 (E)“The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, 23 (F)but if (G)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!

24 (H)“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 (I)money.[b]

Points to Consider:

What does our Savior Reveal about us?

- Our Drive
- Our Direction
- Our Devotion

Discussion Questions:

In Matthew 6:19-24, Jesus speaks about the treasures of heaven versus earthly treasures. How do you interpret this passage in the context of the Sermon on the Mount's broader message about prioritizing spiritual values over material possessions and trusting God to meet our needs? How can we practically apply this teaching in our daily lives?

Jesus contrasts serving God and serving wealth in Matthew 6:24. How does this relate to the theme of trusting God to provide for our needs, as discussed earlier in the Sermon on the Mount? How does this teaching “map onto” the Children of Israel’s testing in the wilderness in Exodus 15-17? How can we discern whether our actions are driven by a pursuit of worldly gain and comfort or by a sincere trust in God's provision?

Reflecting on Matthew 6:19-24, how do our attitudes towards wealth and possessions influence our relationship with God and others? How can we cultivate a mindset that aligns with Jesus' teachings, prioritizing eternal values while responsibly managing our material resources? How can this mindset impact our communities and societies?
