

THREE MONEY QUESTIONS

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Matthew 6:19-21 Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

1. *Where Is Your Treasure?*

A. *Where Your Treasure is, There Your Heart Will Be Also*

1. **Earthly treasure is an insecure investment.**

- Wealth is not always bad.

Proverbs 15:6 The house of the righteous contains great treasure, but the income of the wicked brings ruin.

- Wealth is not always blessing.

2. **Heavenly treasure is a secure investment.**

- You must guard what you make your treasure.

Proverbs 10:2 Ill-gotten treasures have no lasting value, but righteousness delivers from death.

B. *Your heart will follow your treasure.*

1. **Your earthly activities have eternal consequences.**

Luke 12:13-21 Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” ¹⁴ Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” ¹⁵ Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.” ¹⁶ And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. ¹⁷ He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’ ¹⁸ Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. ¹⁹ And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”’ ²⁰ “But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’ ²¹ “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

- Is your treasure in a secure place?

2. Your treasure can become a trap if you make it your idol.

Matthew 6:22-23 The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. ²³ But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

2. *What Is Your Focus*

A. *The Eye is the Lamp of the Body*

- **Your vision will be shaped by what you value.**

B. *Money will not make your problems go away.*

Proverbs 11:28 Those who trust in their riches will fall, but the righteous will thrive like a green leaf.

- **Money is to be a tool and not a treasure.**

Luke 16:8-9 The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. ⁹ I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

C. *Money can affect your relationships.*

D. *Money can be a gateway to other issues.*

There is possibly no greater barometer of a person's spiritual health than what kind of steward they are of the resources God has given to them.

Matthew 6:24 "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."

3. *Who Is Your Master?*

A. *No One Can Serve Two Masters*

1. **Money can be a gift if used correctly.**
2. **If it is not used correctly, you can become its slave.**

Proverbs 30:7-9 Two things I ask of you, LORD; do not refuse me before I die: ⁸ Keep falsehood and lies far from me; give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread. ⁹ Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, 'Who is the LORD?' Or I may become poor and steal, and so dishonor the name of my God.

James 1:8 Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.

B. If your money does not serve God, then your money will become the god you serve.

Mark 10:21-23 Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." ²² At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth. ²³ Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!"

Hebrews 13:5-6 Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." ⁶ So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?"

1 Timothy 6:6-10 But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷ For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. ⁸ But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. ⁹ Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.