

Bulletin Outline
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Heaven on Earth – Part 4
“A Matter of Perspective”

I seek to possess and protect that which is most precious to me.

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

My attitude and actions towards material possessions indicate the treasure of my heart.

²² “The eye is the lamp of the body; so then if your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light. ²³ But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

²⁴ “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth. Matthew 6:22-24 (NASB)

To grasp the greater things of God, I must release the lesser things of the world.

³² Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has chosen gladly to give you the kingdom.

³³ “Sell your possessions and give to charity; make yourselves money belts which do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near nor moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Luke 12:32-34 (NASB)

My hand and my heart must be empty before I can receive the gifts of God's Kingdom.

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 5:3 (NASB)

³¹ **So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, “If you continue in My word, *then* you are truly disciples of Mine; ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”**

³⁶ **So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed. John 8:31-32 & 36 (NASB)**

God is more concerned with the motive of my giving than the amount of my giving.

21 And He looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury. ² And He saw a poor widow putting in two small copper coins. ³ And He said, "Truly I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all *of them*; ⁴ for they all out of their surplus put into the offering; but she out of her poverty put in all that she had to live on." Luke 21:1-4 (NASB)

⁶ Now this *I say*, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each one *must do* just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:6-7 (NASB)

A steward who manages well will be given more!

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¹⁰ "He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much; and he who is unrighteous in a very little thing is unrighteous also in much. Luke 16:10 (NASB)

To receive the blessings of God's Kingdom I must apply the principles of the Kingdom.

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³ For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God *did*: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and *as an offering* for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Romans 8:1-4 (NASB)

³³ But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Matthew 6:33 (NASB)