

MATTHEW 6:19–24

YOUR MONEY IS NOT YOUR OWN

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

BIG IDEA

*Money is not our master, but God's resource entrusted to us;
faithful stewardship invests in the eternal rather than the temporal.*

YOUR MONEY FOLLOWS YOUR HEART (Matthew 6:19–21)

- Central Thought: Treasures on earth decay; treasures in heaven endure.
- Jesus says, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Why do you think Jesus connects money so directly with heart devotion, and what do your spending habits reveal about your heart's priorities?
- What might it look like to "budget with eternity in mind"? Can you name a practical change that would reflect heavenly priorities?
- How do Malachi 3:10 and 1 Timothy 6:17–19 challenge or encourage your view of giving and generosity?

YOUR SIGHT DETERMINES YOUR PERSPECTIVE (Matthew 6:22–23)

- Central Thought: If our heart, represented by the eye, is clear, pure, generous, and single in its devotion, our life will follow suit.
- Jesus uses the metaphor of the "eye" to describe spiritual vision. How does your view of money affect the way you see the world and your purpose in it? If greed clouds the soul, what disciplines or habits can help you regularly refocus your sight on God's provision and kingdom priorities?
- How does generosity help clear our spiritual vision? Share a time when giving actually increased your joy or perspective on God's work.
- Read 2 Corinthians 9:6–8. What does cheerful, Spirit-led giving look like in practice?

YOUR MASTER DIRECTS YOUR TREASURE (Matthew 6:24)

- Central Thought: Two masters: God or money. Neutrality is impossible.
- Why do you think Jesus says we "cannot" serve both God and money—not "should not"?
- How can you tell who or what is mastering your life when it comes to finances?
- How do tithing, generosity, and contentment train your heart to serve God rather than money?

CLOSING REFLECTIONS

- What practical step can you take this week to invest in eternal treasure rather than temporary wealth?
- Which verse or truth from this passage most challenges your current habits or mindset about money?
- In what ways could your group or church collectively model radical generosity that points others to God's kingdom?