

# What Do I Want Most?

Matthew 6:19-24

<sup>19</sup> "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, <sup>20</sup> but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. – Matthew 6:19-21 ESV

The way we manage our money reveals what's in our \_\_\_\_\_.

"Is it wrong to be motivated by reward?" \_\_\_\_!

We are all \_\_\_\_\_. The only question is, "What treasure am I pursuing?"

In this text, Jesus does not forbid \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus forbids \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of money and possessions. (Luke 12:13-21; Matthew 6:31-33)

There are two natural questions we should ask of these verses:

*What are the "treasures in heaven?"*

\_\_\_\_\_ is the first and ultimate treasure.

\_\_\_\_\_ is the second treasure.

Our third treasure includes \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 19:15-19), \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 19:21), \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 16:11), and even \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Thess. 2:19).

*How are the treasures stored up?*

"In every action of our lives, it is possible to lay up treasure in heaven. Not only by the right use of wealth, but by the right use of any faculty, talent, or opportunity with which God has entrusted us, heavenly treasure is laid up. Even when we are doing nothing actively for God, but are only patiently suffering what He wills that we should bear, we are laying up treasure in heaven. Every act, however small, which is done purely for the glory of God, and for no lower motive, will receive its reward." - J. R. Dummelow

Randy Alcorn's Treasure Principle: You can't \_\_\_\_\_, but you can \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>22</sup> "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, <sup>23</sup> but if 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! – Matthew 6:22-23 ESV

The terms *heart* and *eyes* can both refer to the \_\_\_\_\_ that sets life's direction. The eye is like a window which, when \_\_\_\_\_, allows light to shine through, but, when \_\_\_\_\_, or bad, prevents light from entering. The eye that is bad is the heart that is selfishly indulgent.

The principle: the way we look at and use our \_\_\_\_\_ is a sure barometer of our spiritual condition.

<sup>24</sup> "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 money. - Matthew 6:24 ESV

It is not simply difficult, but absolutely \_\_\_\_\_, to serve two masters and fully or faithfully be the obedient slave of each. Our treasure is either on earth or in heaven, our spiritual life is either full of light or of darkness, and our master is either God or mammon (possessions, earthly goods). The orders of those two masters are diametrically opposed and cannot coexist.

## Conclusion

My window of opportunity to invest in eternity is \_\_\_\_\_.

Paul established the proper \_\_\_\_\_ when he told Timothy, "godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. (1 Tim. 6:6-8)