



## **WOW: Word Of the Week**

### **TREASURE**

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About three years ago I summarized the book of Exodus by calling attention to the fact that God described Israel as his treasure as they arrived at Mt. Sinai. This week, seeking to understand the word from a New Testament perspective, I explore a different facet of this word “treasure.” I hope you feel the WOW! And I hope you can join me for the more detailed video study mentioned later in the notes and in this recording.

What is the treasure of your life? Your #1 priority? Your #1 goal? What is first? More important than anything else? What is your purpose in life? The #1 thing that you tenaciously pursue?

Jesus was asked one time by a lawyer about the greatest commandment. Jesus could have said seek and save the lost. Or, put first things first. Or, a host of other admonitions that we commonly hear from pulpits. But he did not so respond. He could have said help others, but he did not. He could have said love one another, but he did not.

Most important: love God -- fully! The second command (#2) is similar, love your neighbor as yourself. No greater commands. No Old Testament commands more important.

Today, these commands help define discipleship for the authentic, serious follower of Jesus. The priority is to love God! Jesus says that means keeping his commands. Jesus says that means loving like God loves, loving as Jesus loves.

In a parable, Jesus compared the kingdom of heaven to a treasure. No price is too great to obtain the treasure. What we treasure is not revealed by what we say but by what we do. Where / how are you investing your life?

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said that God must be our banker, our barrister, and our boss – guarding what we treasure most, arguing our case, directing our lives.

I invite you to join me this Sunday at 5:00 PM CDT as we unpack the first and greatest command: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength.

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