

## **Where your treasure is...**

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Text: Matthew 6:19-34

### Introduction

-1- Our treasure is where we put our...

Preferences, position, desires, goals, ambitions, priorities,  
“our favorite things” (Sound of Music)

-2- Our Lord wants the first place to be given to...

His...honor, word, desire, kingdom, will, communication, reasons, STANDARDS

-3- Our treasure/heart is where we concentrate and guard that which we love/desire/live for/would die for the most.

The Sermon on the Mount tells us that we are to do God’s will. If we do not obey the Father’s will, we are not His and are so displeasing to him that we will be told to depart because he never knew us (7:21)

### **Three Word Pictures**

#### **YOUR BANKER**

The earthly and heavenly storage places (so much stuff) Matt 6:19-21

The problem with storing up treasures here on earth

Moths destroy

So does rust

This world is “basic”

The problem of thieves and robbery

The advantage of storing up treasures in heaven is explained in 1 Pet. 1:3-4

To store up treasures in heaven means one is rich in faith (Jas 2:5)

1 Tim. 6:17-19 shows how the heavenly emphasis can become a spiritual reality

Because...v 21, use the heavenly so our heart will follow.

#### **YOUR BARRISTER**

The contrast of light/dark, good/evil, generosity/stinginess (Matt. 6:22-23)

We are to foster the good, enlightened interior basis for a life that is lived out in the light, not in the darkness. (Rom. 13:11-13a) Because v. 23, if Christians are stingy, how dark that is!

#### **YOUR BOSS**

The impossibility of Serving two masters (Matt. 6:24)

Obviously a servant is not like a modern American who might hold down 2-3 jobs,  
master vs. employer

What servants/slaves dedicate to their master....

All of their time, allegiance, loyalty, Rom. 6:16-17

The contrast between God and stuff

God is...the creator, the sustainer of the Universe, full of love and light

Mammon is...money, wealth, piling up of things/possessions, accumulation of  
belongs, stuff

It can become an addiction to acquire constantly more and more

Luke 12:15, Be on guard against all kinds of greed; life is not in abundance of  
possessions, because....you can't serve both.

Conclusion

God's call is to do his will by having your treasure, thus your heart, in heaven, not on  
earth. Col. 3:1-3.

Let him be the banker/investment broker of your life.

Let him be your barrister/attorney.

Let him be your boss/master.