

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT: Week 5 – Matthew 6:19-34
“Where is your Heart?”

In today’s lesson, Jesus continues to call us to live out his “Kingdom Principles” in our world and moves to a simple message of how we are to relate to our possessions. With three short illustrations, He challenges us to consider what we treasure most. Is our heart set upon things of this earth that will surely pass away, or have we higher goals that are set on heavenly things that will last forever?

1. Matthew 6:19-20 – Our Treasures –

19“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and thieves break through and steal. 20But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven where moth and rust do not destroy and thieves do not break through and steal.21For where your treasure is there will your heart be also.”

A. **A Prohibition** – _____

A Positive Command – _____

A “Kingdom” Principle – _____

B. What does “treasure” refer to?

C. What is the problem with storing up treasure on earth?

Hebrews 1:10-12

2 Peter 3:10-14

D. When Jesus tells us to store up treasures in Heaven what is he referring to?

1 Corinthians 3:12-15

2 Corinthians 9:6-11

E. **The question is: Where is your Treasure?** Is your treasure set on earth or in heaven?

2. Matthew 6:22-23 – The Lamp of the Body – *22 “The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are good, your whole body will be full of light, but if your eyes are bad, your whole body will be full of darkness.23 If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!”*

A. Spiritual sight vs “natural” sight - Ephesians 1:18; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

If your eyes are *good, healthy*, your whole body will be full of _____

If your eyes are *bad, unhealthy*, your whole body will be full of _____

B. **The questions are: How does your heart see the world around you?** Is your eye healthy or unhealthy by God’s Standards?

3. Matthew 6:24 – Two Masters - *“No one can serve two masters. 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.”*

A. **Money – “Mammon”** – Money is personified as _____

B. Jesus puts this as an absolute: We cannot serve _____

C. Israel’s History – 2 Kings 17:32 – 34:

D. James 4:4 – A Warning:

E. **The Question is: Do you have an Undivided Interest in God?** Are there other “gods” in your life that you worship alongside of the Lord?

4. Matthew 6:25-34 – The Cure for Spiritual Distraction

A. Connecting the Context – The illustrations above are designed to make us uncomfortable with our lifestyle. They connect us to Jesus’ call for a Kingdom Ethic of “surpassing righteousness...”

Exodus 20:1-4

Matthew 22:37-40

Matthew 6:33

B. Matthew 6:25-30 – Jesus deals with the daily distractions of life

1) *Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life...”*

2) Two illustrations from nature -

3) Between faith and no faith –

C. Matthew 6:31-32– Jesus provides a Solution!

1) “Do not _____!”

2) Don’t behave like a _____!

3) Your Heavenly Father _____!

5. Matthew 6:33-34 – A KINGDOM ETHIC – *But seek **first** the kingdom of God and all these things will be given to you as well...”*

Seek the Kingdom of God and His righteousness – make it your Goal! His Kingdom and his Righteousness are already yours because of your relationship to Jesus as your Savior. Now, seek to know Him, make Him first in your Heart and in your Life. Love him First!