

## Where is Your Treasure?

### Part 1 – Misconceptions about Riches and Spirituality

Matthew 6:19-24

#### Misconception #1 – Riches are incompatible with spirituality

- The warning - Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on e\_\_\_\_\_ which may be subject to one of the following:
  - Becoming r\_\_\_\_\_
  - Becoming m\_\_\_\_\_ -eaten
  - Becoming s\_\_\_\_\_
- This warning certainly applies to Americans
  - 1. By national standards (family of 4)
    - a. The rich - over \$\_\_\_\_\_ thousand annually.
    - b. The poor – less than \$\_\_\_\_\_ thousand annually.
  - 2. By global standards, most p\_\_\_\_\_ Americans are rich.
- Jesus was warning against riches as becoming a person's g\_\_\_\_\_ - *you cannot serve God and money* (verse 24)
  - 1. Matt 19:16-19, the rich young ruler wanted e\_\_\_\_\_ life.
    - a. Jesus required him to sell all his possessions and give them to the p\_\_\_\_\_ and then to follow Him.
    - b. The rich young ruler's unwillingness to give up wealth revealed that wealth was his g\_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2. Jesus requires everyone to give up their gods in order to be saved (see Luke 9:59-62 - your god could be your f\_\_\_\_\_).
- If having riches were unspiritual then God would never give believers riches. But He blessed the following with riches:
  - J\_\_\_\_\_ (Job 42:10)
  - A\_\_\_\_\_ (Gen 13:2)
  - S\_\_\_\_\_ (1 Kgs 3:13)

#### Misconception #2 – Accumulation of wealth is wrong

- The word translated as “lay up” or “store”
  - 1. Is the verb form of the noun translated as t\_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2. Is a p\_\_\_\_\_ on words and could be brought out in English this way: *Do not treasure for yourselves treasures on earth*
- The most overlooked word is \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1. Job lost all his wealth but still b\_\_\_\_\_ God (Job 1:21)
  - 2. God b\_\_\_\_\_ us with what we have. It is His to give and His to take away.
- So, the accumulation of wealth for y\_\_\_\_\_ is wrong.

WHAT ARE YOUR RICHES FOR?