

Where is Your Treasure?

Part 2: Investing in Heavenly Treasure

Matthew 6:19-24

Introduction:

● Last week we learned:

1. That having r_____ IS NOT incompatible with spirituality;
2. That it is not wrong to accumulate wealth as long as it is not done in s_____.

● How do we handle riches unselfishly? How do we have treasures on earth and invest in heavenly treasure?

The e_____ nature of your heavenly investment (20)

● Notice the contrast between earthly and heavenly treasure

1. Earthly treasures are t_____ (they deteriorate and can be stolen)
2. Heavenly treasures are e_____ (they don't deteriorate and cannot be stolen).

● The parable of the rich fool illustrates the foolishness of being selfish with earthly treasures and not being r_____ toward God (Luke 12:16-21)

1. The man was a h_____ worker.
2. The man worked to accumulate enough wealth just so that he could take it e_____ for the rest of his life.
3. The rest of his life lasted only _____ day.

● Being rich toward God is storing up for y_____ treasures in heaven.

1. This is not selfishness because it requires us to submit to God's leadership in s_____ to Him (Matt 6:24).
2. This is not emptying ourselves of earthly treasures but using them in our service to God.

The p_____ nature of your heavenly investment (22,23)

● Jesus uses the metaphor of the e_____ to illustrate three kinds of disciples:

1. The g_____ disciple
 - a. The condition of the eye is called _____ (the Greek word literally means "unfolded" and so means that this person is wholly focused on God.
 - b. This person's body is full of l_____ (i.e., he has a clear and godly direction in life)

2. The d_____ disciple
 - a. The condition of the eye is called _____ (most literal translation is evil) – this person has d_____ vision, trying to serve God and money.
 - b. This person’s body is full of d_____ (i.e. he has an unclear and ungodly direction in life)
3. The f_____ disciple
 - a. This person t_____ his eye is clear but is mistaken (this was the Pharisees’ condition –John 9:41).
 - b. This person’s darkness is that much d_____ because he wrongly believes that he is saved (It is better to know that you are lost, then to mistakenly think that you are saved).

●So how do we handle riches unselfishly and treasure for ourselves heavenly treasure?

1. The word translated as *clear, single, healthy, good* also means g_____ in many contexts (e.g. Rom 12:8; James 1:5).
2. Jesus may have a double-meaning in mind – we must be generous with our e_____ treasures, using it for God’s purposes.
3. I Tim 6:17-19 sums it up well:
 - a. Don’t f_____ on the uncertainty of riches but on God.
 - b. Acknowledge that God has supplied us ALL things to e_____
 - c. Be rich in g_____ works (which is doing what God wants).
 - d. Be generous and READY to s_____ ALL that God has blessed you with!
 - 1) If you are u_____ to share something, than you should not have it at all.
 - 2) Even retirement money should be shared (kids, given to God’s work, etc.)

Conclusion – invest in heavenly treasure by

1. Using your earthly treasures to support God’s w_____.
2. Using your gifts and abilities to serve God’s p_____.
3. Using your life as a w_____ to the lost around you in both word and deed.