

Matthew 6:19-34
Series – The Kingdom Among Us
Message – Treasuring God Above All Else
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- The _____ of God is any realm where what God prefers is what happens.

Do This, Not That

- Matthes 6:19-20
- The reason he gives is that treasure on earth is corruptible and insecure, whereas treasure in heaven is incorruptible and _____.
- We should avoid the _____ and extravagant accumulation of resources.
- “The great goal of disciples’ lives will be the reward of the Father’s esteem” (F.D. Bruner, *The Christbook – Matthew 1-12*, p.320).
- When what God prefers is happening in your life, you honor God, and he notices. His _____ and esteem are treasures in heaven.

Heartsight

- Matthew 6:21
- Our hearts _____ our treasure.

“The most important commandment of the Judeo-Christian tradition is to treasure God and his realm more than anything else. That is what it means to love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength. It means to *treasure* him... Our only wisdom, safety, and fulfillment lies in treasuring God. Then we will also treasure our neighbors rightly, as *he* treasures them” (Dallas Willard, *The Divine Conspiracy* p.203).

- “Cancer is wonderfully clarifying. It makes your priorities very simple and very clear” (Fred DeJong).

Primary Allegiance

- Matthew 6:25-27
- If you trust earthly wealth, you will live in _____ and insecurity.
- If you trust Jesus, you will live in love and _____.
- “But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well” (Matthew 6:33).
- Collision of worldviews – “Go for the gold!” or “Seek first the kingdom of God.”

How will you respond to God’s word today?

Reflection Questions

1. How would you explain the difference between storing up treasure on earth and storing up treasure in heaven?
2. How and where in life do you experience the temptation to store up treasure on earth?
3. Outside of doing something because it is right or appropriate, give an example of when you changed your behavior to show gratitude to God.
4. Discuss the difference between our treasure following our heart and our heart following our treasure.
5. How do you try to “seek first” the Lord and his kingdom? What are the practices or ideas you have found helpful in this?
6. What captured your attention in the scripture or message?
7. What might God be saying to you?
8. What are you going to do about it?