



## 1. Treasure (19-21)



### Is Money Evil?

\*1Ti 6:6-10 "For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils"

### Investment Options

\*What are the options of where to invest the treasure of our lives?

- (1) Earth
- (2) Heaven

\*Which is the better investment option?

-Lk 12:33-34

### What Are the Signs?

\*What are the signs our treasure is in the wrong place?

After the warning and examples about practicing one's righteousness to be seen by men (6:1-18), Jesus now presents three examples dealing with the perspective His disciples should have on things in life when viewed as a subject in God's Kingdom.

### What are "Treasures?"

- The things that we value most
- The things that drive our actions.
- Faith! Belief! Love! -> Heart

19 **Do not** lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where *moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal*, <- We KNOW what will happen to earthly riches, so why would be put our VALUE, FAITH, BELIEF there? Consider...

Earth > Ecc 5:10-17; 1Tim 6:2-10;

20 **but** lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where *neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal*. <- Heb 12:18-29

21 **For** where your treasure is, there your *heart* will be also.

- \*Always looking for something in the world to make us happy (Ecc 2:1-11)
- \*Being closed to the message of God (Mt 5:3)
- \*Rotten and corroded riches. The cries of those who we have defrauded. (James 5:1-6)

1 Timothy 6:17-19 (ESV) As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

## 2. Eye (22-23)

### Where to Focus?

\*We have a choice where to place the focus...

- (1) Light > Healthy
- (2) Darkness > Bad

\*Lk 11:34-36  
\*Gal 5:16-26  
\*Phil 4:8-9

22 "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is *healthy*, your whole body will be *full of light*,

Why would I focus on the "darkness"?

\*Because there is the illusion (Ecc 2:1-11) that the *pleasureful* things of this world will bring:

-> Happiness, Contentment, Fulfillment, etc.

23 **but** if your eye is bad, your whole body will be *full of darkness*. If then the *light in you* is *darkness*, how great is the *darkness*!

\*What if we instead aim to please God? -Ecc 2:24-26



### What is the "Eye?"

- \*The **focus** of our life. Synonymous with **Heart**!
- \*Everybody will fill their lives with something

### Full of Darkness

- \*What happens if we fill our lives with darkness?
- \*What if we try to navigate in darkness?
- \*1 John 1:5-10

## 3. Master (24)

### Who is our Master?

\*What are the options?

- (1) God
- (2) Money (Self)

\*In the two examples above, we cannot choose both options! Lk 16:13

24 **No one** can serve two masters, for 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**.

This calls back to the first example, but the emphasis here is that **we can only choose one**. What will our choice be?

-Joshua 24:14-15 "...choose this day **whom you will serve**..."

"But as for me and my house, **we will serve the LORD**."

## Sermon on the Mount Matthew 6:19-24 Kingdom Choices

Each of these perspectives involves a choice that God has given us the ability to make, and His emphasis is on what the righteous will choose...

### Do not...

-Cannot be an **absolute prohibition** against saving money and taking care of our family.

\*Prov 6:8; 1Ti 5:8

-A **Hebraism** - the things of earth should not be our **chief concern**

\***Hebraism** - A term to describe a feature of the Hebrew language when used in another language

-Sentences like this in ancient Greek are "elliptical" where there are words not included that are understood.

-In this case, the words "**only, merely, chiefly**" can be understood.

-Compare this to passages like **John 6:27**...

"Do not work for the food that perishes..."