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## Treasure

Matthew 6:19–24 (ESV)

<sup>19</sup>“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, <sup>20</sup>but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>22</sup>“The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, <sup>23</sup>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!

<sup>24</sup>“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.

### 1. Treasures in heaven

a. \_\_\_\_\_

Deuteronomy 5:21 (ESV)

<sup>21</sup>“And you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife. And you shall not desire your neighbor’s house, his field, or his male servant, or his female servant, his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.’

### b. Wealth for its own sake

Luke 12:16–21 (ESV)

<sup>16</sup>And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, <sup>17</sup>and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ <sup>18</sup>And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’” <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night

your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' <sup>21</sup>So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

### **c. Attitude of the \_\_\_\_\_**

1 Peter 1:3–9 (ESV)

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, <sup>9</sup>obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

## **2. The \_\_\_\_\_**

### **a. Analogy of our inward being**

Psalms 36:1–2 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup>Transgression speaks to the wicked deep in his heart; there is no fear of God before his eyes.

<sup>2</sup>For he flatters himself in his own eyes that his iniquity cannot be found out and hated.

Psalms 119:82 (ESV)

<sup>82</sup>My eyes long for your promise; I ask, "When will you comfort me?"

Proverbs 3:7 (ESV)

<sup>7</sup>Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.

1 Samuel 15:17 (ESV)

<sup>17</sup>And Samuel said, "Though you are little in your own eyes, are you not the head of the tribes of Israel? The LORD anointed you king over Israel.

Proverbs 22:9 (ESV)

<sup>9</sup>Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor.

## b. Healthy – full of light

Philippians 4:8 (ESV)

<sup>8</sup>Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

## c. Bad – full of \_\_\_\_\_

Mark 7:21–23 (ESV)

<sup>21</sup>For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, <sup>22</sup>coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

## 3. God or \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Deuteronomy 6:13–14 (ESV)

<sup>13</sup>It is the LORD your God you shall fear. Him you shall serve and by his name you shall swear. <sup>14</sup>You shall not go after other gods, the gods of the peoples who are around you—

Romans 12:2 (ESV)

<sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

### Average Income 2021

1: Monaco	\$15,507/ month
3: Switzerland	\$7,530/ month
7: US	\$5,869/ month
23: United Kingdom	\$3,782/ month
38: China	\$991/ month
59: India	\$181/ month
67: Afghanistan	\$42/ month

A recent Gallup poll survey revealed that the average work week for U.S. full-time employees consists of 47 hours. That almost adds up to an extra full day of work every week. 11 percent of those surveyed worked 41-49 hours, 21 percent put in 50-59 hours every week, and a whole 18 percent work 60 or more hours.

Since 1950, the average productivity per American worker has increased 400%. However, during approximately the same period, real wages (adjusted for inflation and cost of living) have remained stagnant. That means that we need to work about 11 hours extra every week just to keep up with what we were earning in 1950.

1 Timothy 6:6–10 (ESV)

<sup>6</sup>But godliness with contentment is great gain, <sup>7</sup>for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. <sup>8</sup>But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. <sup>9</sup>But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup>For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

(Advisory)

Next Week: Lust

Matthew 5:27–30 (ESV)

As an eldership we believe that the discussion of appropriate physical relationships between men and women should originate from the home at the discretion and timing of the parents. We will be discussing lust, sexual sin, pornography, and addiction during the sermon. These topics will not be explicitly described but will be discussed.