



Love God
With All Your
HEART

Treasure of the Heart

Matthew 6:21 "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." (KJV)

Treasure Definition: a valuable or valued item. ----- *"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal." Matthew 6:19 (KJV)*

Where is your Treasure?

Situation: Jesus is continuing his "Sermon on the Mount", providing instructions on how to live a life that would be pleasing to God. He covers many topics such as respect to man, respect to God, giving, prayer, fasting, and materialism. We are going to talk about materialism.

Observation: Because Jesus took time to specify not storing up for yourself material treasures on earth, it is import for us to understand the reason why. Further in this lesson we will find that Jesus teaches that if we seek the things of Gods Kingdom first, that all the other things that we will need will be **given/provided** for us. Jesus did not want our **heart** corrupted by greed and worldly desires. Jesus tells us that we have to choose, either to give our **heart** soley to God or to surrender ourselves to the treasures of life or the things that we value more than God.

Inspiration: Take the time to evaluate your life and the things that are most important to you. And then answer the above question, where is your treasure? Is your life centered on God or is it centered on money, power, position, fame. You may say that your **Heart** is fully committed to Christ, but remember actions speak louder than words. Do you find yourself following the standards of God as they are outlined in the Word ("BIBLE") or do you concern yourself with the things of the world. An example of this would be, you have time to watch your favorate TV show, but not time to read your Bible. You look at TV for 4 hours and read your Bible for 10 minutes before falling asleep. These are just small examples but the point is, we will act on the things that is most important to our **hearts**. **Jesus should be the center of your heart.**

Application: Can you imagine being married and only talking to your spouse once a month? I mean you can see your spouse going about his/her everyday activities, doing for others, appreciating others, thanking others and talking about how much they Love you. But he/she never seems to have time for you. WOULD YOU FEEL LOVED? God wants intimate time with you. He wants a relationship with you. He does not want the last 10 minutes of your day that you have left over. He wants to be first in your life. Love God with all your **HEART**; and put your Treasure in Heaven and begin to delight in the things of God.

Exploration:

Matthew 6 – Full Chapter

Treasure

- Matthew 6:19-21 - Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal.
- Luke 12:33-34 - Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth.
- Isaiah 33:6 - And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, and strength of salvation: the fear of the LORD is his treasure.
- 1 Timothy 6:17-19 Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; 18 That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; 19 Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

Heart

- Ezekiel 36:26 - A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.
- Psalms 51:10 - Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me,
- Jeremiah 17:9 - The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?
- Jeremiah 17:10 - I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.