

Your Money Talks
Be Very Careful What You Wish For
Matthew 6:19-24

The Treasure(s) of Your Heart

What I treasure is what I pursue/wish for in life to have and enjoy, vv. 19-21.

The treasure of Jesus and His kingdom is the only one that satisfies, lasts, and is secure, vv. 19-21.

There is no security or true lasting value in the riches of this life.

In those days wealth was in fabric, grain, precious metals, and jewels.

But wealth in fabric could be ruined by moths, grain could be ruined by rust, treasures often stored in walls of a home could be dug out and stolen.

A life lived and resources used for Jesus and His kingdom bear fruit now that last for eternity.

Treasure(s) That You Pursue Shapes Character

My treasure(s) captures and shapes my heart; the center of my will, desires, and passions, v. 21.

My treasure(s) shapes my character, vv. 22-23.

The “good eye” is one that is free from selfish desires and is generous, for Jesus’ sake, to God and others.

The “evil eye” is one that is self-centered, hardened to Jesus’ compassion for others.

My treasure(s) shapes my daily choices and my eternal destiny, v. 24.

My treasure(s) becomes my master.

In a divided heart, the one which dominates daily choices becomes the master.

Jesus accepts no place in our heart except as Lord because He is worthy; it doesn’t work any other way.

Next Weekend’s Scripture Emphasis
2 Corinthians 8:1-9

Welcome to Rolling Hills Covenant Church!

We are a caring community of people who believe the Bible is the Word of God and choose to live by its truth.

**Our mission is to know Jesus intimately
and to share His love and truth passionately.**

May 19-20, 2018

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Following each worship service, members of the prayer team will be available in front of the platform to pray with you and minister to your spiritual needs.

Receivers for the hearing impaired are available from our ushers.

JOIN US NEXT WEEKEND!

SATURDAY: 5pm - Worship Center
SUNDAY: 8 & 9:30am - Worship Center (Choir)
9:30am - 290s
11:15am - Worship Center & 290s

LANGUAGE OPTIONS:

RHCC en Español
Saturday, 5pm, 290s
Japanese Service
Sunday, 11:15am
North Campus Chapel



ARE YOU NEW TO RHCC? Maybe you've been here a while and want to learn more about us. We invite you to come to our *Connect* lunch on Sunday, May 27 at 11:15 am in the Loft. You will be welcomed by our staff, learn about the church's purpose and priorities, and connect with others who are also exploring the church. Come to the Connect tent on the patio for more info.

For more information about what is going on at RHCC this month, pick up a copy of *What's Happening* or our *Ministry Catalog*.

Join the Children's Ministries Team!

Be part of a dedicated team of volunteers helping our kids learn about Jesus. You can serve every weekend or just once a month. Summer and Fall opportunities are available. We especially need volunteers for our summer session (June 24-September 9). Come to the table on the patio following services for more information.

We Need Your Help!

Join the team of people behind the scenes that help make our weekend services happen. Each of these opportunities only take 1-2 hours!

- Prepare communion one Saturday morning a month. Contact Jane VanDenHoek at 310.832.3684 or vrdutch2@gmail.com.
- Restock the Worship Center with pens and yellow cards. Contact Susan 310.521.2519 or sjohnson@rhcc.net.
- Stuff inserts into the worship folders on Fridays at 2 pm. Contact Susan 310.521.2519 or sjohnson@rhcc.net.

Jobs Available

- Early Childhood Associate (P/T)
 - Bilingual Communications Asst. (P/T)
- Go to RollingHillsCovenant.com/jobs for info.

We're here for you! The pastoral staff at RHCC is available to help you with your marriage, finances, parenting, emotional issues, or if you are in need of prayer. We can also provide recommendations for Christian counseling services in the South Bay. Contact Pastor Nate Aanderud at 310.521.2565 or naanderud@rhcc.net.

It's Time to Vote

Don't miss out on your chance to vote for our 2018-2019 church leadership. Pick up a ballot in the Worship Center lobby, 290s, or Welcome Center. Ballots due no later than 4 pm on Tuesday, May 22. You must be a member to vote.

D/C Celebration

It's graduation day for our 8th grade D/C students! Come to the Worship Center Sunday, May 20 at 6 pm and watch them recite the apostles creed and light their candles with their leaders, committing to follow Christ in a beautiful celebration/graduation ceremony. Dessert reception to follow. Everyone is invited.

Prayer Ministry

Prayer Chain: Submit prayer requests to Vicki Hardin at Chaplain_Vicki@aol.com or 310.612.7832, by yellow card or at RollingHillsCovenant.com/prayer.
Need a hospital or home visit? Call the Ministers of Congregational Care at 323.825.9694.

Weekly Giving Report (as of May 13)

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| Giving goal (6/1/17-5/31/18): | \$8,100,000 |
| Budget Needs YTD: | \$7,830,173 |
| Received YTD: | \$7,508,535 |
| Over/Under YTD: | (\$321,638) |
| Needed last week: | \$134,914 |
| Received last week: | \$107,183 |

Text any amount to 310.307.3661 to give.

This past Wednesday was one of the highlights of my life (I write this in anticipation). I was able to baptize my granddaughter, Eliana Hall, as part of the 8th grade baptisms. Nothing is better for a person of faith than to know his children's children are committed to the Lord Jesus Christ and walking with Him. This event in my granddaughter's life reflects the importance of family and church in making disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ. As a church family we are in the world to make disciples. The Bible says discipleship should start with the children and Jesus commanded us to bring the children to Him, Matthew 19:13-15.

There was a moment at an airport that was powerfully used to shape my life, ministry, and the importance of my children and now grandchildren. Following the call of God, I resigned from my position in the public schools to go to seminary. My children were three and four when we moved to the Denver area to start seminary. The first year, while picking up my parents at the Denver airport, I was seated in an open area waiting for their plane to arrive. In that area the rows of chairs were back to back. There were two men, maybe in their 50s, in conversation immediately behind me and I couldn't avoid overhearing them. It became obvious they were both in Christian ministry. One said to the other (paraphrasing), "If I had to do it all over again, I would have done it all differently. I went around seeking to save others and I have lost my own children." It was such a powerful moment for me as I was beginning vocational ministry. God was saying to me that my children needed to be a priority and I cannot sacrifice them for the sake of the ministry.

I tried to live out that priority of ministry when my children were at home. I have tried to live out that priority with my grandchildren, to the extent I can. Home is such a powerful part of God reaching the next generation for Christ. In the Old Testament, the Biblical pattern was set in Deuteronomy 6:1-9. In God's plan it is parents who love the Lord with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength teaching their children

to love Him and walk with Him. It is the same command in the New Testament that parents are to raise their children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord, Ephesians 6:4. The Bible teaches that influence of parents to children starts with who the parent is and then flows to what is taught. How important it is that parents have the kind of life before their children that the Apostle Paul had for the church "*imitate me as I imitate Christ.*", 1 Corinthians 11:1.

In God's plan to raise children to embrace Jesus as their own Savior and Lord, it takes a ministering church family as well as parents. In my granddaughter's life there was the Children's Ministry Team in her classrooms. She went to RHCC Preschool, where she was loved and taught of Jesus, as well as learning important learning skills. She went to Christ Lutheran for kindergarten through sixth grade. She has been part of the Junior High D/C program with Pastor Lloyd Gilbert, Michelle Stout, and her D/C leader. My son-in-law and daughter have been part of a circle of families who go out to dinner together after church on Saturday. These groups established a family camp in the summer. It is the collective and reinforcing ministry of the church family that has been an important part of shaping my granddaughter and multiple other students.

This week represents a great moment for our eighth graders. Under the Law in Israel, at 13, youth were called to make their own commitment to live under the Law of God. For us, we don't have Bar or Bat Mitzvahs for a formal embrace of faith for a 13-year-old, but we do have this week of baptism, in which this year over twenty students made public their profession of faith in Christ through baptism. This Sunday evening the D/C graduates will confess the Apostles Creed and then individually come forward to express faith in Christ before friends and family. I am very proud of my granddaughter and I have such great gratitude for all of those who have been part of shaping her heart and life.

~ Senior Pastor Byron MacDonald