



5-day Devotional- [Watch: The Treasure Principle](#)

Day 1: The Heart's True North

Devotional

Have you ever noticed how your phone's GPS always knows which direction you're heading? It doesn't matter if you think you're going north—if you're actually walking south, that's what it shows. Our hearts work similarly with our treasures. We might say we value one thing, but our hearts instinctively follow where we actually invest our time, energy, and resources. Jesus understood this fundamental truth about human nature. He knew that we can't simply decide what to care about—our hearts are naturally drawn to whatever we treasure most. This isn't a flaw in our design; it's how God created us to work. The question isn't whether our hearts will follow our treasure, but rather: what treasure are we choosing? Look around at the abundance that surrounds most of us. Full closets, busy calendars, endless entertainment options. Yet despite all this, many of us still feel an aching emptiness, a restlessness that material things can't satisfy. This isn't because we're ungrateful or broken—it's because we're trying to fill an eternal void with temporary things. The beautiful truth is that when we choose eternal treasures—investing in relationships, kindness, justice, and God's kingdom—our hearts find their true home. Instead of chasing after things that fade, we discover the deep satisfaction that comes from aligning our lives with what lasts forever. Today, consider this: your heart is already following something. The question is whether you're leading it toward treasure that will ultimately disappoint or toward the eternal riches that God has prepared for those who love Him.

Bible Verse

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal." - Matthew 6:19

Reflection Question

When you honestly examine how you spend your time, energy, and money, what does this reveal about where your treasure truly lies?

Prayer

Lord, help me to see clearly where my heart is being drawn. Give me wisdom to choose treasures that align with Your eternal purposes, and courage to redirect my investments toward what truly matters. Amen.

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Day 2:

Investing in Forever

Devotional

Imagine discovering that your financial advisor had been investing your retirement funds in companies that were guaranteed to go bankrupt. You'd be devastated, right? Yet this is exactly what happens when we pour our lives into things that are destined to fade away. Jesus presents us with two investment strategies for our lives. The first involves accumulating earthly treasures—things that seem valuable now but are ultimately temporary and vulnerable. These investments might give us a sense of security or status, but they come with an expiration date. Moths destroy, rust corrupts, and thieves steal. Even our most prized possessions will one day crumble to dust. The second strategy involves investing in heavenly treasures—things that have eternal value and can never be taken away. When we invest our time in people, our resources in kindness, our energy in justice and love, we're building a portfolio that will never crash. These investments don't just benefit others; they transform us from the inside out. The remarkable thing about heavenly treasures is that they often don't look valuable by the world's standards. Spending time with a lonely neighbor, giving generously to those in need, showing patience with difficult people—these might seem like poor investments to some. But Jesus assures us that these acts of love and service are building something eternal. Every day, we make countless small investment decisions. Each choice to be generous rather than selfish, to serve rather than be served, to love rather than judge, is a deposit into our heavenly account. These investments compound over time, creating a legacy that outlasts any earthly achievement.

Bible Verse

"But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal." - Matthew 6:20

Reflection Question

What specific ways can you begin investing more of your time, energy, and resources in eternal treasures this week?

Prayer

Father, help me to see beyond the temporary attractions of this world and invest wisely in Your eternal kingdom. Show me opportunities to build heavenly treasures through acts of love and service. Amen.

Notes

Day 3:

Where Your Heart Lives

Devotional

There's a simple way to discover what someone truly values: follow their heart. Not their words or their intentions, but their heart—because the heart always reveals itself through our choices, priorities, and passions. Jesus gives us a profound insight into human nature: our hearts don't lead us to our treasure; rather, our treasure draws our hearts to itself. This means that wherever we consistently invest our time, energy, and resources, that's where our hearts will naturally gravitate. It's like a spiritual law of gravity. Think about it in practical terms. If you treasure your career above all else, your heart will be consumed with work—even during family time or moments of rest. If you treasure material possessions, your heart will constantly be calculating, comparing, and craving more. If you treasure your reputation, your heart will be anxious about what others think. But here's the beautiful flip side: when we treasure eternal things, our hearts find their true home. When we invest in God's kingdom, in relationships, in acts of love and service, our hearts become anchored in something unshakeable. We find peace that doesn't depend on circumstances and joy that can't be stolen. This isn't about perfection—it's about direction. Every day, we have opportunities to redirect our treasure toward what matters eternally. Each act of generosity, each moment of worship, each choice to love sacrificially is a way of saying, "This is where I want my heart to live." The question isn't whether your heart will follow your treasure—it will. The question is: where do you want your heart to call home?

Bible Verse

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

Reflection Question

If someone observed your life for a week without hearing your words, what would they conclude you treasure most based on where your heart's attention and energy are focused?

Prayer

Lord, I want my heart to be fully Yours. Help me to treasure what You treasure, so that my heart will be drawn to Your purposes and Your kingdom. Align my investments with Your eternal values. Amen.

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Day 4:

Eyes Wide Open

Devotional

Have you ever tried to navigate in complete darkness? Every step becomes uncertain, every obstacle potentially dangerous. Now imagine someone offers you a lamp—suddenly, the path becomes clear, obstacles become visible, and you can move forward with confidence. Jesus uses

this powerful metaphor to teach us about spiritual vision. He tells us that our eyes are like lamps for our whole being. When our eyes are healthy and generous, they fill our entire life with light. But when our eyes are unhealthy and stingy, darkness pervades everything we see and do. This isn't just about physical sight—it's about spiritual perception. A generous heart sees opportunities to bless others, recognizes God's provision, and notices the eternal significance in everyday moments. Generosity literally opens our eyes to see life from God's perspective. We begin to notice needs we can meet, gifts we can share, and ways we can participate in God's work in the world. On the other hand, greed and selfishness act like cataracts on our spiritual vision. When we're focused only on accumulating and protecting what we have, we become blind to the very things that could bring us true joy and fulfillment. We miss opportunities to experience the deep satisfaction that comes from giving, serving, and loving others. The beautiful truth is that generosity doesn't just benefit those who receive—it transforms those who give. When we live with open hands and generous hearts, we see more clearly, love more deeply, and experience more fully the abundant life that God intends for us. Today, ask God to give you generous eyes that see the world as He sees it—full of opportunities to love, serve, and invest in what matters eternally.

Bible Verse

"The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light." - Matthew 6:22

Reflection Question

In what ways has generosity (or the lack of it) affected your ability to see and appreciate God's work in your life and in the world around you?

Prayer

God, give me generous eyes that see opportunities to love and serve others. Remove any spiritual blindness caused by selfishness, and fill my whole being with the light that comes from a generous heart. Amen.

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Day 5: The Master You Serve

Devotional

Every day, we make a choice about who we'll serve, even if we don't realize it. Our actions, priorities, and decisions reveal which master has our ultimate loyalty. Jesus makes it clear: we cannot serve both God and money. One will always take precedence over the other. Money is a seductive master. It promises security, status, and control—things our hearts naturally crave. It whispers that just a little more will finally bring the peace and satisfaction we're seeking. But money is also a demanding master that requires increasing devotion while delivering decreasing returns. The more we serve it, the more it demands, yet it can never fulfill the deepest promises it makes. God, on the other hand, is a master who serves us even as we serve Him. He provides

true security that can't be stolen, genuine worth that doesn't depend on comparison, and real control through surrender to His perfect will. When we serve God, we discover that His yoke is easy and His burden is light. The test of which master we're truly serving isn't found in our Sunday morning declarations, but in our Monday morning decisions. How do we respond when generosity conflicts with accumulation? What happens when God's call to give challenges our desire to keep? Do we trust God's provision enough to live with open hands? Living with open hands in a closed-fist world isn't just about having money—it's about mastering it so that it can be used for eternal purposes. When we serve God as our master, money becomes a tool for worship, generosity becomes an act of faith, and giving becomes a pathway to joy. The question isn't whether you'll serve a master—you will. The question is: which master will you choose?

Bible Verse

"No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money." - Matthew 6:24

Reflection Question

Looking at your recent decisions about time, money, and priorities, which master does your life demonstrate you're actually serving?

Prayer

Lord, I choose to serve You as my master. Help me to use money and possessions as tools for Your kingdom rather than allowing them to master me. Give me the courage to live generously and trust in Your provision. Amen.

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