



WINDOWS

looking into your heart and soul
Luke 6:45

SERMON NOTES

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WHAT ARE YOU INTERESTED IN?

Luke 6:45 (NIV) A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.

Jesus tells us that there is a _____ in our heart where things are *stored*.

One key to understanding what is in a persons heart is to discover what they are _____ in.

Matthew 6:19 (NIV) "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

What is your treasure? It's what you have _____ your time and money into.

Truth: Jesus says to understand what someone is interested in (where their heart is) you simply have to discover where they _____ their time and money (treasure).

The music you listen to, the shows you watch, and the books you read are all a _____ of the space in your heart.

Colossians 3:1 (NIV) Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. 3 For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

QUESTIONS TO EVALUATE YOUR LEVEL OF INTEREST IN THINGS ABOVE:

Question #1: Are my interests helping or hurting my _____ with God?

If I want a good relationship with God, I am going to be _____ in the things that help that relationship, not things that hurt it.

Question #2: Are my interests helping me _____ the purpose God has for my life?

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

Question #3: Are my interests _____ people to Jesus?

THREE STEPS TO HELP SET YOUR MIND ON THINGS ABOVE:

Step #1: Invite God to _____ your heart.

Psalms 51:10 (NIV)

Step #2: Spend more _____ with God and his Word.

Deuteronomy 11:18 (NIV), Deuteronomy 4:29 (NIV)

What are the things God is interested in?

Interest #1: The _____ of all souls.

1 Timothy 2:3 (NLT) This is good and pleases God our Savior, 4 who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth.

Interest #2: The _____ of his plan to save humanity.

John 3:17 (NLT) God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.

Interest #3: The _____, the bride of Christ.

Ephesians 5:25 (NLT) For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her.

Interest #4: The _____ over sin and death.

1 Corinthians 15:57 (NLT) But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Step #3: Surround yourself with _____ who have already set their minds on things above.

Acts 2:42 (NIV) They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

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