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Because the things you treasure act as a tether to your heart,
treasure things that keep your heart in the right place

1. Seek what can't be stolen

Matthew 6:19-21

thesaurus - that which is of exceptional value and kept safe,
storehouse of treasures

What does it mean to "store up treasures in heaven"?

- to invest your life in what will last and in what will be rewarded - Paul calls it building with "fire proof" materials

1 Corinthians 3:11-15

1 Timothy 6:17-19

Colossians 3:1-4

“The things most highly treasured occupy the ‘heart’ – one’s center. Thus, the most cherished treasure subtly but infallibly controls the whole person’s direction and values.”

D. A. Carson

2. See life clearly

Matthew 6:22-23

haplous – clear, **healthy**, generous

poneros – evil, **diseased**, jealous

3. Serve the right Master

Matthew 6:24

It’s not just that God is helping us to distinguish what will last and what will not, but He is objecting to **idolatry** – to your elevation of anything else above His rightful place in your life.

“A man may work for two employers, but since ‘single ownership and full time service are of the essence of slavery,’ he cannot serve two slave owners. Either God is served with single-eyed devotion or He is not served at all. Attempts at divided loyalty betray not partial commitment to discipleship, but a deep-seated commitment to idolatry.”

D. A. Carson

Now What?

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HOME GROUP NOTES



TAKING INVENTORY

Week of November 19

RE-cognize Your Treasure

This is our second week of the “Taking Inventory” series. You can see the messages online at www.trinityonline.org. You can also apply to be in a Home Group online.



Share It

Just for fun, share about a purchase or endeavor in which you invested that didn't pan out or with which you were disappointed. (Example: my frankencruiser car!)



Study the Bible

This week's subject is about what we treasure and the place of our hearts. Read through these powerful Scriptures and consider what they say.

Matthew 6:19-21 and 24

Matthew 13:44

1 Timothy 6:17-19

Colossians 3:1-4

2 Corinthians 4:6-7, 16-18

Romans 8:18

What is the common thread? What are we to treasure most?



Discuss Together

If idolatry is 'looking to anything but God for our security and happiness,' what are some forms of idolatry in America? How do these ensnare and weaken us?

Why is it difficult for us to take seriously Jesus' words about storing up treasure in heaven? (Matthew 6:20)

What does Jesus say we need to treasure? How will this keep our heart and our future in the right place?

According to Paul in Philippians 3:8, what should we treasure most?



Pray

- Pray for people in your world who don't yet know the treasure of Jesus
- Pray for the Women's Christmas Celebration and IFC Christmas party
- Pray for Trinity people to share the blessings of Jesus this Thanksgiving



Apply It This Week

Take a "real" inventory of what you treasure – actually list it out. Ask God to help you live with an eternal perspective and tether your heart to Jesus.