

“WHERE IS YOUR TREASURE?”
MATTHEW 6:19-24
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I. INTRODUCTION

- a. Jesus now begins a teaching on Wealth.
- b. Different views of wealth today in Christian circles
 - i. Poverty view
 - 1. All wealth is evil, and you can't be a good Christian and be wealthy
 - ii. Prosperity View
 - 1. God wants you to be rich. If you truly are walking in His Word and have Faith you will lack nothing but the wicked have stored up their goods for you.
 - 2. You can't be a good Christian and be poor.
- c. What did Jesus say about Money?
- d. What does the Bible teach about Money?
- e. Is it a sin to be wealthy?
- f. Is It wrong to be successful?
- g. Three Principles
 - i. Right Bank
 - ii. Right Desires
 - iii. Right Allegiance

II. RIGHT BANK (19-21)

- a. Jesus gives a command here, 1st part is negative, the 2nd part is positive
 - i. Negative Command:
 - 1. Do not lay up **for yourselves** treasures on Earth. (Wrong Bank)
 - 2. It is not wrong to work and save.

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- a. Proverbs 21:20 There is desirable treasure, And oil in the dwelling of the wise, But a foolish man squanders it.*
 - b. Proverbs 10:4-5 He who has a slack hand becomes poor, But the hand of the diligent makes rich. 5 He who gathers in summer is a wise son; He who sleeps in harvest is a son who causes shame.*
 - c. Proverbs 13:11 “Wealth gained hastily will dwindle, but whoever gathers little by little will increase it.”*
 - d. Proverbs 13:22 “A good man leaves an inheritance to his children’s children, but the sinner’s wealth is laid up for the righteous.”*
 - e. Parable of the Talents. The Lord of those servants expected a return and wise investment.*
- 3. We are not to Lay up for ourselves. The idea of a selfish accumulation of wealth.
- 4. Danger of this type of wealth
 - a. Destruction (Moth)*
 - b. Decay (Rust)*
 - c. Deceit (Theives)*
- 5. **1 Timothy 6:5-10**
- ii. Positive Command:
 - 1. Lay up treasures for yourselves in Heaven
 - a. No Destruction*
 - b. No Decay*
 - c. No Deceit*
 - 2. **1 Timothy 6:17-19**

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- a. Rich people in the church
 - b. Warning against Arrogance
 - c. Uncertain nature of riches. Money talks, it says goodbye
 - d. Trust not in Riches but in God
 - e. God is the Source of all good things
- b. Where your treasure is there your heart will be also. Key to peace
 - i. Example: Money in Wells Fargo Bank. If you hear of a cyber attack at Suntrust Bank are you concerned? No because your treasure is in a different bank. Where your treasure is there your heart will be also.
 - ii. Example of wealthy man who was very generous and gave a lot of money to the Lord's Work, then lost his wealth and was asked if he regretted all that money he gave away. He replied, "No, that is all I have left!"

III. RIGHT DESIRES (22-23)

- a. Physical eye is used as a symbol of the eye of the soul. Just as our physical eye if working properly gives us light and vision to make our way, so if our soul has the right vision and desire (light) we can make our way, but if our soul does not have the right vision and desire (love of money and wealth) we are in darkness and cannot find our way.
- b. *1 Timothy 6:10 Love of money is a root of all kinds of evil*
- c. *Revelation 3:17 Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing'—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked— 18 I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments,*

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that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.

IV. RIGHT MASTER (24)

- a. Everybody serves somebody. You are a slave to somebody.
 - i. *Romans 6:16 Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness? 17 But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. 18 And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.*