



Life Group Questions

Matthew 6:19–24 ^(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. ²² “The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body

will be full of light. ²³ But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness! ²⁴ “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.

Summary: We are passing through this short life (relative to eternity) yet we live like this is all there is which is irrational and sinful.

Three Metaphors to warn against hoarding and selfish indulgence with no eternal investment.

- Two treasures
- Two eyes
- Two masters

1. Matthew 6:14 talks about treasure on earth being destroyed and stolen. Can you think of examples where people have lost earthly treasure in any of these ways?

What do we learn from such examples?

How do we sometimes say to ourselves that this sort of loss will not happen to me/us?

2. What are the sort of things we can do to store up for ourselves treasure in heaven as per Matthew 6:20?

3. Matthew 6:21 gives us the reason for the instruction of “do not ...” (v19) and “do” (v20). The reason is where we store treasure is where our heart goes.

- Can you relate and example of investing money in eternity and the effect it had on your heart?
- What would be a way we could invest more in eternity and what sort of effect would this likely have?

4. Two eyes (verses 22-23)

- If our eyes are focussed on wealth and greed what effect will that bring on our heart?
- How can we recalibrate the eyes of our heart so that good economic decisions naturally spring from our lives?

5. Two Masters (verse 24)

Jesus uses the strong word of 'hate' concerning the master of money.

- What steps can we take to develop a hatred for money and the hold it has over our lives?
- The illustration of people from countries that worship animistic gods come to NZ and see that we worship the god of money. As you think about this how does it make you realize more of what you don't see about yourself?

Jesus uses the word of 'love' or 'devoted' concerning the master of God.

- How do we cultivate a love for God that overrules our love for money?
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