

Mt.6.19-24 “Treasure In Heaven”
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Human beings are naturally **thing**-oriented - the propensity to build our lives around **things** is great.

The leading religionists of Jesus’ day were preoccupied with **things**.

- ✓ their view of nonessential material things was **perverted** (vv.4–24) &
- ✓ their view of essential material things was also **perverted** (vv.25–34).

False doctrine leads to:

- false **standards**,
- false **behavior**, &
- false **values**, &

Hypocritical religion seems always to be accompanied by **greed** & **immorality** (II Pe.2.1–3, 14–15).

To claim God’s approval simply on the basis of things is to **pervert** His Word & **use His name in vain**.

In the present passage Jesus **looks at materialism**—

I. ONE TREASURE vv.19–21

Jesus is not advocating **poverty** as a means to spirituality

Ananias & Sapphira **lied** to the Holy Spirit (Ac.5.3).

God expects His people to be **generous**.

The Bible gives considerable counsel for working **hard** & following good business **practices** (25.27).

It is right:

- ❖ To **honestly** earn, save, & to give is wise & good;
- ❖ To hoard & spend only on ourselves is **sinful**.

When our time, energy, & possessions are used to:

- ❖ **serve** others &
- ❖ to further the Lord’s work,

they **build up** heavenly resources that are completely free from destruction or theft.

Heavenly security is the only absolute security.

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The heart must be right **first**.

The person who is right with the Lord will be generous & happy in his giving to the Lord’s work.

Sinful acts come from a sinful **heart**, just as righteous acts come from a righteous heart.

Through **hearing** God’s Word the people became convicted of their sin,

Our material possessions are “unrighteous” in the sense of not having any **spiritual** value in themselves. But if we invest them in the welfare of **human souls**, the people who are saved will someday greet us in heaven with thanksgiving.

II. ONE VISION vv.22–23

The heart is the eye of the **soul**...

The **eye** that is **bad** is the **heart** that is selfishly indulgent.

The principle is simple: the way we look at & use our money is a sure barometer of our **spiritual** condition.

III. ONE MASTER v.24

When we trusted in Christ, we became slaves of God & of **righteousness** (Ro.6.16–22).

The orders of those two **masters** are diametrically opposed & cannot coexist;

- The one commands us to walk by **faith** & the other demands we walk by **sight**;
- The one calls us to be **humble** & the other to be **proud**;
- the one to set our minds on things **above** & the other to set them on things **below**;
- One calls us to love **light**, the other to love **darkness**;
- The one tells us to look toward things unseen/**eternal** & the other to look at things seen/**temporal**

The person whose **master** is Jesus Christ can say that;

- ❖ When he eats or drinks or does anything else, he does *“all to the glory of God”* (I Co.10.31).
- ❖ He can say with David, *“I have set the Lord always before me”* (Ps.16.8), &
- ❖ With Caleb when he was 85 years old, *“I wholly followed the LORD my God”* (Jo.14.8).