

THE TREASURE TEST
THE LOCATION OF OUR TREASURE REVEALS OUR HEART CONDITION
Matthew 6:19-24

I. WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS REVEALS WHERE YOUR HEART IS (19-21)

A. Jesus commands us not to lay up temporal fleeting treasures on earth (19)

1. The Pharisee's view of money and possessions (Luke 16:14)
2. Old Testament warnings concerning wicked heart attitudes in relation to wealth (Duet, Prov.)
3. Is Jesus advocating poverty? Is it a sin to be wealthy? (Various passages)
4. What then is Jesus saying? (6:19)

B. Jesus commands us in contrast to lay up eternal treasures in heaven (20)

C. The location of our treasure reveals our spiritual heart condition (21)

II. THE EYE AS AN ILLUSTRATION OF THE HEART: it is either clear or evil (22-23)

III. A SOBERING EXHORTATION: Don't be deceived "no one can serve two masters" (24)

- A. The absolute fact: No one can serve two masters (24a)
- B. The reason: Your love of and holding on to money will cause you to hate and despise Christ (24b)
- C. The conclusion: You cannot serve God and money (24c)