

**Gospel of Matthew “Treasuring a Better Master”**  
**Matthew 6:19-24**  
**August 14, 2022**

Mathew 6:19-24 (ESV)

19 “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys 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. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, 23 but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

24 “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

People often get noticed in the world through money and the things they acquire.

Laying up treasure is human.

Nothing is safe in the world.

Proverbs 28:22 (NASB)

A person with an evil eye hurries after wealth  
And does not know that poverty will come upon him.

Deuteronomy 15:9-11 (ESV)

9 Take care lest there be an unworthy thought in your heart and you say, ‘The seventh year, the year of release is near,’ and your eye look grudgingly (evil) on your poor brother, and you give him nothing, and he cry to the Lord against you, and you be guilty of sin. 10 You shall give to him freely, and your heart shall not be grudging when you give to him, because for this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. 11 For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you, ‘You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.’

A “good eye” is to be generous.

A “bad eye” is to be stingy and to hoard.

The requirements of God and Goods conflict.

1 Timothy 6:17-19 (ESV)

17 As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. 18 They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, 19 thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

We've been given to generously to be generous.

Life organizes around the heart.

### **Grow Group Discussion Questions**

- What did you God say to you during our Sunday gathering?
- What was your first job? How much did you make? When you were younger, how much money did you think it took to be rich? Has that changed?
- What is something that you treasure? How is treasuring something a sign of being human?
- Jesus doesn't ask us to stop treasuring but he redirects it. In what ways?
- Jesus asks us to treasure generosity? What has to happen in our lives to treasure giving things away?
- Why are God and Goods competing masters? How have you experienced the bondage of chasing money? How have you experienced financial freedom in Christ?
- Spend a few moments considering how your Grow group could express generosity and meet a need.