

“One Treasure, Vision, Lord!”

Matthew 6:19-24
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Introduction

- Uncertainty caused by recent economic downturn.
- Jesus calls us to a Radically-different Lifestyle
- Jesus calls us to be different from the Secular Materialists
- Quote from “Will the Real Cultural Christian Please Stand Up?”

One Treasure, Vision, and Lord!

A. One Treasure--Matthew 6:19-21

1. What Jesus is NOT saying!
 - a. Take a vow of poverty! Matthew 19:21; Prov. 14:23; 28:19; 2 Thess. 3:7-12; 1 Tim. 5:8
 - b. Saving for a “rainy day” is lack of faith.—Prov. 6:6-8; 21:20
 - c. Don’t enjoy what God has given you.-- 1 Timothy 6:17
2. What Jesus is saying:
 - a. Don’t make it your ambition to stockpile material things
 - 1) “*Godliness with contentment is great gain*”—1 Timothy 6:6-8
 - 2) Desire to be rich can be detrimental to spiritual health.—1 Timothy 6:9-10
 - b. Make it your ambition to stockpile heavenly treasures
 - 1) How to convert earthly treasures into heavenly ones?—Luke 16:9; 1 Tim. 6:17-19
 - 2) Why make the exchange?
 - a) Security: Only heavenly treasures are safe!—Matthew 6:19-20
 - b) Spiritual: Location of treasure reveals the location of our heart!—Matt. 6:21

B. One Vision – Matthew 6:22-23

1. The “Evil Eye”
 - a. Always linked to finances in the Bible. Deuteronomy 15:9; Proverbs 23:6-8; 28:22
 - b. Refusal to give, tightfisted, covetous-- dollar signs
 - c. Man with the “evil eye” is living in darkness and headed for destruction.-- 1 John 3:17
2. The “Good Eye”-- Clear Vision
 - a. “clear” in the sense of liberality and generosity—Rom. 12:8; 2 Cor 9:11; James 1:5; 2 Cor. 9:7
 - b. Eyes aware of needs and respond generously
 - c. God’s principles for giving—Prov. 3:9-10; Luke 6:38; 2 Cor. 9:6, 8

C. One Lord-- 6:24

1. Can’t serve both God and money for their demands are opposites.
2. Can’t serve both God and Money for both demand total commitment.