



Bible Study Questions

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Discussion Starter

Are you a collector (like stamps, coins, etc.) or do you have a special item that means something to you? What do you collect and why, or what is the item and why is it important?

What is the oldest thing you possess? How long have you had it and why?

Read & Reflect

Read Matthew 6:19-24 - What is your initial response to what Jesus is saying?

Questions

Jesus begins our passage by saying: “Don’t store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. (Matthew 6:19-20).

- Why do we store things?
- What is the difference between earthly treasures and kingdom treasures? Why does Jesus say one is better than the other?
- What does it mean to store up treasures in heaven?

Warren Wiersbe in his Commentary on Matthew 6 says: “**It is not wrong to possess things, but it is wrong for things to possess us**”.

- How might things possess us?
- What might be the signs that something on earth or some earthly thing is more important than the things of the kingdom?

Jesus contrasts three sets of opposing postures or realities, one or the other is true of us, never both*.

Storing earthly treasures v storing up kingdom or heaven treasures (v19-20)
Good eyes & bodies full of light v Bad eyes & bodies full of darkness. Mat 6:22-23)
Serving money or serving God (Mat 6:24)

- How are these all connected?
- How does the things we focus on or see, affect us spiritually?
- In what ways do we sometimes try to serve both God and money (worldly treasures & priorities)? How does it affect us spiritually?

*For some background information, watch the 5-minute visual commentary from the Bible Project <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/matthew-619-23-true-wealth-and-generosity/>

Application

- Thinking about Jesus' words in Matthew 6:19-24, how full is your heavenly account?
- What steps might you take to store up treasures in heaven this week?

Jesus said: "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also (Matthew 6:21).

- What might you continue to do, start, or stop so that your heart is more aligned towards God than the things of this world?

Some other resources from the Bible Project

What Matthew 6:22-23 (The Eye Is the Lamp of the Body) Means

<https://bibleproject.com/articles/what-matthew-622-23-eye-lamp-body-means/>

What Are "Rewards in Heaven" in the Bible?

<https://bibleproject.com/articles/what-are-rewards-heaven-bible/>