

THE KING SPEAKS

a Study in the Sermon On The Mount | Discussion Guide
Week 10 – November 18
Affairs of the Heart | Matthew 6:19-24

Introduction

On a daily basis we are each faced with decisions that ultimately reflect the condition of our hearts. In this week's text we'll see the direct correlation between what we treasure and where our hearts lie.

A text like this causes us to reflect on what we really value. In this passage Jesus shows us how money reveals what controls us. He also shows us how to break the power of money in our lives by relocating our true treasure.

Read Matthew 6:19-24 before beginning this week's study.

Questions for Study

1. Why do you think this subject of our money was included in Jesus' most famous address? What is the connection between our hearts and our treasures?
2. What are some treasures that we try to store up for ourselves? What is the truth about our money and our possessions? Live in the answer to that question a little bit...what will someday happen to your house, your car, your savings, your clothes, your toys?
3. What are treasures in heaven? Give some thought to how lasting they are. (See 1 Timothy 6:17-19)
4. Read Hebrews 13:5. What does contentment mean to you? Why does the love of money battle against being content?
5. Often times we think that we will be happy if we have more money, more stuff, a bigger house, a newer car, nicer clothes, etc. Can we find "life" (hope and joy) in money? Where does God say there is life?
6. Matthew 6:24 says that we cannot serve two masters; we cannot serve both God and money. What is the difference between having money (and stuff in general) and money having you?
7. If you struggle with being generous, if you're not in the habit of tithing, if you're selfish with your time, what steps can you take towards generosity?
8. Reread Matthew 6:21. As of today...where would you say your treasure is?
9. Prayer: Spend some time in prayer and confession asking God to be your true and only treasure.