

## Sermon Notes

**Text:** Matthew 6:19-24

**Title:** What's in Your Wallet?

**Larger context of vv.19-34:** conflict between kingdom of self vs kingdom of heaven/God.  
**2 necessities.**

### **I. WE ARE TO REDEFINE OUR DEEPEST DESIRES** 19-21

#### **A. BY AVOIDING THIS FUTILE PRACTICE** 19

Treasure=that which we value most. God's bank is FDIC: Forever Defended In Christ.

Our eternal riches are (in) Christ: Eph 1:3, 7, 18; 2:4, 7; 3:8, 16; etc. God's children are *contra mundum* (against the world), Rom 12:1-2; Jas 4:4; etc.

#### **B. BY AFFIRMING THIS FIXED PRINCIPLE** 20

Cf. 1 Pe 1:3-5; Rom 8:18-25; Acts 20:32; etc. This immutable, incorruptible treasure comes to God's elect by/in Christ and his gospel. Treasures of God's people are redemptively defined; not bound to the earth; heavenly not horizontally defined, determined.

#### **C. BY APPLYING THIS FOREMOST PERSPECTIVE** 21

A governing rule for life. An abiding adage; an eternal epigram.

Conclusion: What is your wallet? Where is your wallet? What's in your wallet? Our attitudes and actions towards our treasures reveal the spiritual condition of our souls. Recall Ps 49:7-8; Lk 9:23-25; Pro 11:4; Mt 16:26.

**Introduction:** shift in metaphor while addressing the same subject, theme. As our attitudes/actions towards treasures determine the condition of our souls, so, the condition of our eye determines the quality of light entering our body.

### **II. WE ARE TO REJECT THE DEADLY DARKNESS** 22-24

#### **A. THE SPIRITUAL CLARITY WE MUST PROTECT** 22

Grasping a clear vision of God's will for our lives, Eze 18:23, 32, and walking in that light, Ps 119:105, 130; Jn 1:4, 9; 9:5; 12:46. Context= with regard to material possessions. Clear=sincere, generous, Rom 12:8; 2 Cor 8:2; etc.

1st. by receiving Christ as he is freely and universally proclaimed in the gospel, 2 Cor 4:4-6

#### **B. THE SEVERE CORRUPTION WE MUST PREVENT** 23

2nd, against being ruled by selfishness, materialism. Cf. 2 Cor 4:4-6 with 5:14-16. See Pro 23:6. Walk in the gospel light that produces generosity, especially to our brothers. Materialism keeps out the light of Christ who ... 2 Cor 8:9; 5:21. The gospel!!! Selfishness darkens, distorts, destroys our lives. True meaning of "spiritual optics."

#### **C. THE SUPREME COMMITMENT WE MUST PURSUE** 24

Introduction: If our lives are governed by a heavenly perspective; if we deposit our treasures in God's eternal bank; and if we have a clear, lucid view of the immutable priority and excellence of heavenly realities, responsibilities, and rewards then our climactic conclusion can only be that we will have a wholehearted devotion to the Triune God.

Serving 2 masters = an absolute impossibility. Ps 86:11; Mt 5:8; Lk 4:25-27. Master= having total claim on our lives.

As exiles and pilgrims, we are to live lives of full contentment in Christ alone, lives that are encouraged and enlivened by the hope of our glorification which will not and cannot disappoint us. We are in Christ!!