

Life Group Discussion Guide  
“Eternal Perspective”  
Sunday, September 3, 2017

Matthew 6:19-24

Open in prayer

- Is money a spiritual issue?
- What do you treasure most? What do you consider to be the most valuable thing in your life?

**The Big Idea:** For those who have trusted Jesus as savior and Lord, He is our treasure. We treasure him above all things. We recognize the lie that earthly goods will satisfy and complete us. Everything we are, and everything we have is because of Jesus.

Discuss these different perspectives regarding money. How do you respond to each of them?

- **Poverty theology** - It's wrong to have money or possessions. The poorer you are, the more you rely on God. This equation causes you to be more spiritual.
- **Prosperity theology** - God always blesses his people financially. The more prosperous you are, the more spiritual you are. If God is pleased with you he will bless you financially.
- **Proper theology** - Our finances and possessions are a trust given by God. We are responsible to manage these resources. Everything belongs to God and we serve as his managers whether we are blessed with a lot or a little.
  - What is biblical stewardship?
  - Why is tithing part of the Christian life?

**How do we determine what we treasure?**

1. **The longevity test** - “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.” vs. 19

- How would it look to live for eternity? Can one live for eternity and be materially wealthy? How?
- Where are you most invested?

2. **The heart test** - “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” vs. 21

**Wherever you invest your money, your talents, skills, and abilities, and your time reveal what is truly important to you.**

- The heart test - Where does my joy come from? In receiving, or giving?



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3. **The focus test** - “The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!” vs. 22-23
4. **The master test** - “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.” vs. 24

Pastor Loren said, “Whatever we devote ourselves to becomes our God.”

- How can we make Jesus our treasure?