

# Sermon Notes

## Where Your Treasure Is

### March 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022

- **Where Your Treasure Is...**
- Jesus says something counter cultural in **Matthew 6:19-21**
  - o Don't get rich?? There is something more valuable and more secure than that out there??
  - o Context: Sermon on the Mount – Acts of Righteousness
    - Specifically: giving, prayer, and fasting. Don't make a big deal or that is your reward.
    - Instead, do the right things behind the scenes and God will reward you in various ways.
      - That is how you store up treasures in heaven.
    - So, it's not so much about what you have, but about what you do in secret.
      - It's ok to serve God and have money. But don't serve money. **1 Tim 6:17-19**
- Today's Focus: The Treasures of Serving God.
  - o Is Jesus worth giving your life to? That is an important question.
    - Most people would rather go to Heaven than go to Hell...but that isn't the question.
  - o Is Jesus worth serving in this life? Is a life of serving Jesus and doing the right thing worth it?
    - The short answer, of course, is YES!!
      - But, then why do so many people struggle with truly surrendering their lives to Jesus?
      - I think it's because the Treasures of Serving God are out of focus.
- The Bible talks about the treasures, rewards, and inheritance of the followers of God quite a bit.
  - o It must be ok to talk about that then!! (Don't let Janteloven mess you up!)
- I see three major types of treasures/rewards that come to those who give their lives to serve Jesus.
  - o 1) from **1 Cor 9:13-18**. The reward of helping others.
    - Paul's reward is that he knows that finances will not be a hindrance to the Gospel.
      - Paul will just do whatever it takes.
      - Now, sometimes he did receive support. He wasn't refusing it. But, he was going to make sure the Gospel went out no matter what.
    - Have you every really done something that made a difference? How'd that feel?
      - It is worth giving your life to Jesus to make a difference for others.
        - o No longer a selfish taker, but a humble giver!!
  - o 2) from **2 Timothy 4:1-8**. Our Eternal Reward.
    - This reward/crown speaks of acknowledgement and eternal life!
      - That's worth it for sure!!! But you have to be a bit forward thinking...
        - o The eternal math is quite simple. IT'S WORTH IT!!!
  - o 3) from **Mark 10:17-31**. Present Day Rewards Too!!
    - All this stuff about prioritizing the eternal over the temporary. VERY IMPORTANT!!
    - But then Peter asks a question. Thank you Peter!! **Mark 10:28**
      - Jesus response (**Mark 10:29-30**) is that it is worth it for this life too!!
    - Too much to talk about in one sermon: financial, family, society, and purpose blessings.
      - Focus: God has your back when you serve Him!! Both now and forevermore!!
- What I want for you:
  - o I want you to feel the satisfaction of helping/being a blessing to others.
  - o I want you to feel the security of knowing God has your back, both now and forever.
- It is worth serving God in this life. It is worth giving your life fully to Jesus.
  - o The treasures of being a blessing to others, and God having your back now and forever are worth it.
  - o There are really two options: follow Jesus or go away sad. Make the right choice.
    - Let's close with **Colossian 1:9-14**.
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