

## **What's In Your Heart?**

Mt. 15:8 - These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.

Lk. 8:15 - But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.  
Human beings are naturally thing-oriented.

Col. 3:1 - Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

### **I. We are to set our hearts on ONE TREASURE!**

Matthew 6:19-21(ESV)

[19]"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal,  
[20]but LAY UP FOR YOURSELVES TREASURES IN HEAVEN, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.  
[21]For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Luke 12:15-21(ESV)

[15]And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."  
[16]And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully,  
[17]and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?'  
[18]And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.  
[19]And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'  
[20]But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?'  
[21]So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God." (ESV)

Matthew 19:21(ESV) -Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me."

Exodus 20:3(ESV) - You shall have no other gods before (besides) me.

Exodus 20:17(ESV) - "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

Isaiah 51:8 (ESV)- For the moth will eat them up like a garment, and the worm will eat them like wool; but my righteousness will be forever, and my salvation to all generations."

D.A. Carson - "It is a poor bargain which exchanges the eternal for the temporal, regardless of how much tinsel is used to make the temporal more attractive."

John 6:27 (ESV)- Do not labor for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal."

William Hendriksen – "Like the list of natural agencies and process that cause earthly treasures to diminish in value and finally to cease completely to serve their purposes, is the list of human factors that the concept of "thieves" represent: "Inflation, oppressive taxation which may amount to confiscation, bank failures, stock market slumps and crashes, expensed in connection with prolonged illnesses, these and many similar woes have the same effect. Besides, man's body, including that of the strongest, gradually wears away. When (someone) dies, all the earthly treasures on which (we might) have pinned (our) hopes vanish with (us)".

1 Timothy 6:6-19 (ESV)

[6]Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment,

[7]for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world.

[8]But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.

[9]But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.

[10]For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

[11]But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness.

[12]Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

[13]I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession,

[14]to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,

[15]which he will display at the proper time--he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords,

[16]who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

[17]As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.

[18]They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share,

[19]thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

1 Peter 1:3-4(ESV)

[3]Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

[4]to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,

## **II. We are to set our hearts on ONE VISION!**

Matthew 6:22-23(ESV)

[22]"The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light,

[23]but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

2 Corinthians 4:18 (ESV) - as we) look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

"Just as a person has a natural eye ... to illumine his physical existence and to bring him into contact with his earthly environment, so he has a spiritual eye

namely, the mind, to brighten his inner life, to guide him morally and spiritual, and to keep him in contact with the heavenly Father.”

Colossians 3:1-2(ESV)

[1]If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

[2]Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

Philippians 3:18-19 (ESV)

[18]For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ.

[19]Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.

James 1:8 (ESV)- he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

Deuteronomy 15:9(ESV) - Take care lest there be an unworthy thought in your heart and you say, 'The seventh year, the year of release is near,' and your eye look grudgingly on your poor brother, and you give him nothing, and he cry to the LORD against you, and you be guilty of sin.

### **III. We are to set our hearts on ONE MASTER!**

Matthew 6:24 (ESV) - "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

Romans 6:16-22(ESV)

[16]Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?

[17]But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed,

[18]and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.

[19]I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

[20]For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.

[21]But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death.

[22]But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life.

John 8:34 (ESV) - Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin.

John Calvin - "Where riches hold the dominion of the heart, God has lost His authority"

Matthew 6:33 (ESV) - But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.