

Where Is Your Heart

Where is your heart? The answer to an anatomy test question would be in the chest, between the lungs, behind the sternum, above the diaphragm, surrounded by the pericardium. You and I both know that when the Bible speaks of a person's heart it is rarely in the context of the anatomical location of this physical human pump. Mostly it is spoken of with "regards as the center of a person's thoughts and emotions, esp. love or compassion."

In Matthew 6:21 and Luke 12:34 Jesus tells us "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." It would seem that if we want to find our heart it could be found with our treasure. Where is your treasure? That is where you will find your heart.

The meaning of treasure is that "a treasure is something that we value highly. It is something of great value. It is a very valuable object." Jesus tell us in Matthew 12:44 that the kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field that when a man finds it he hides it and goes and sells all that he has and buys the field so that he might have the treasure.

In Luke 12 Jesus warns against the hypocrisy of the Pharisees and covetousness. Hypocrisy deals with pretending to be something or someone we are not. Covetousness is "a great desire to possess something, typically something belonging to someone else." These go hand in hand. We need to be able to discern what is truly valuable. The things of this world should not become our treasure.

In Matthew 19 a young man came asking Jesus "what good thing should I do that I might have eternal life?" Jesus answered and said unto him, "if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments." The young man asked further, "Which ones?" Jesus said, "'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

We must be careful that we do not let the material things of this life become our treasure. Satan is well aware that material possessions can cause us to give God less than our whole heart. God demands our whole heart. There can be nothing less.

All of us that have the ability to see have seen the glory of a rainbow in the sky after a

thunderstorm or rain shower. To most animals a rainbow does not exist. You see they cannot see in color. The retina of humans has rods and cones. The cones only detect color. Most animal retinas only have rods. Therefore, most animals can only see in shades of gray. They cannot see a rainbow.

May we have the spiritual eyesight to be able to see that the treasures of this world should not be where we place our heart. May we give our whole heart to God and our complete obedience to His Word.

May we do as is written in Matthew 6:19-20, "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal."

Is your treasure in heaven? Then your heart is in the right place.

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