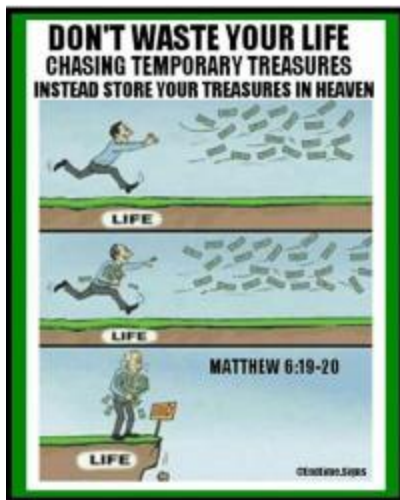


## 7—True Treasures

Matthew 6:19-34

1. Jesus makes a simple, but clear statement in Matthew 6:19-21. What two options do we have concerning where we “lay up” treasure? What does our choice say about our “heart?”



2. What will very possibly happen to our earthly treasures? How were the illustrations Jesus uses very applicable to His first-century audience? What kind of illustrations might you use today to speak of the foolishness of living for earthly pleasure?

3. What do the words of Jesus in Matthew 6:22-23 have to do with the preceding context (6:19-21)? What kind of effects will an eye with double-vision have upon the seer (cp. James 1:6-8)?

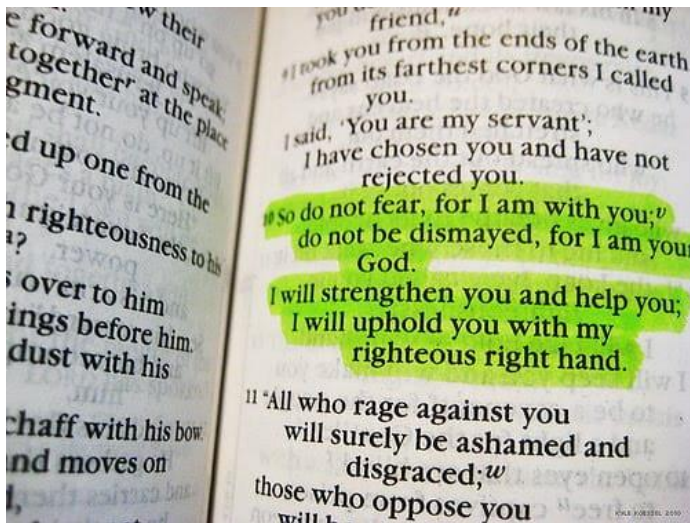
4. Think back through the prior context of the Sermon on the Mount. What kind of “earthly treasures” might Jesus be referring to besides money (see Matthew 5:22-6:18)? What does Jesus pointedly say about those who try to “serve two masters?”

5. Verse 25 starts out with the phrase “therefore.” What is the word “therefore” there for? How are his words in verse 25 connected to His prior statements?

6. What specific items does Jesus mention which often consume us with worry (Matthew 6:25,27,31)?

7. What two specific illustrations does Jesus use from nature to try and get His audience to have more faith in God's providential care (Matthew 6:26, 28)?

8. Jesus refers back to an Old Testament character in verse 29. Who? As we go back to the Old Testament, what incredible things can we learn about Solomon's material wealth (2 Chronicles 1:13-17; 9:3-6, 20-28)? What is the point of this comparison of Jesus?



9. When we worry, what does it say about our character, our faith, and our understanding about God (Matthew 6:30-32)?

10. What advice does Jesus give to those with worry problems (Matthew 6:33-34)? What other passages of Scripture advise us about

properly handling our anxiety and worries? What have you found personally helpful in your life in dealing with an over-focus on material concerns? What spiritual advice might you give someone else who is drowning in worry?