

MAIN POINT

We can either spend our lives collecting treasures on earth or in heaven, but not both.

INTRODUCTION

Do you collect anything? If so, what? What is the most extreme measure you have taken to get one of your collectibles? What does your collection say about your interests and passions?

In what area of your life is materialism most likely to surface?

Most of us live in a western culture dominated by excess, choice, upgrades, affluence, consumerism, and debt; yet, because there's always someone around us who has considerably more than we do, we tell ourselves that we're not wealthy. The truth is that we're blind to the fact of how our financial decisions reveal our focus and passions. We can either spend our lives collecting treasures on earth or in heaven, but not both.

DISCUSSION

> **READ MATTHEW 6:19-24.**

How would you define earthly treasure?

What is the inevitable outcome of treasures stored on earth? Have you experienced this reality firsthand? If so, how?

How would you define treasures in heaven?

What are some ways we put earthly treasure before heavenly treasure?

Practically speaking, what does it mean to collect treasures in heaven? What do those treasures look like and how do we get them?

What attitudes or circumstances keep you from seeking heavenly treasures?

As verse 21 points out, our treasures reveal our hearts' motivations and desires. Where we spend our money reveals what we treasure most. Why is that the case?

How can you shift your spending habits toward heavenly treasure?

Why are materialistic and godly values at odds? Is there a way to reconcile those values? Why or why not?

What are some ways we attempt to serve both Jesus and money?

What stuff in your life tends to pull your attention away from God most easily? How can you counteract that tendency?

APPLICATION

What is one thing you can do this week to help you chase money less and God more?