

Stewardship

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Matthew 6:19-24, p. 811
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Introduction:

1. Two Treasures of the Heart (19-21)

2. Two Eyes of the Heart (22-23)

3. Two Masters of the Heart (24)

    a. Stewardship, generosity and giving are not synonyms

    b. Poor stewardship is dangerous for you, good stewardship is for your benefit

    c. We need more teaching about money and stewardship, not less

Application:
Stewardship is not a financial ministry, it is a discipleship ministry. It is a heart issue.

1. Two treasures of the heart – do an audit of your own spending accounts to see if you are storing up treasures in heaven or earthly treasures
2. Two eyes of the heart – Do an audit of your belongings and possessions. Am I crowding God out?
3. Two masters of the heart, God or money. Which one best describes you?

Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. ***And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts****, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and* ***pour down for you a blessing*** *until there is no more need. (Malachi 3:10)*

Small Group Questions
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1. Read Luke 3:1-14. John the Baptist tells the hearers to bear fruits in keeping with repentance. What questions do the three groups ask of John?

2. How does John answer each group?

3. Why would all three responses deal with financial integrity and stewardship and not something else?

4. Read Matthew 6:19-24. In v. 19-21 he speaks of two different treasures. What are they and how can you honestly assess where your treasures are?

5. One of the financial principles from Randy Alcorn mentioned in the sermon was "My heart always goes where I put God's money." Discuss how that applies to our lives and the handling of our finances.

6. In v. 22-23 he speaks of two eyes of the heart. Why does what we focus on materially and financially need to be influenced by the light of Jesus Christ? How can you assess what your eyes are drawn to?

7. In v. 24 he speaks of two masters of the heart. How do our answers to the previous two questions give indication of where our hearts may have its master?

8. Some financial principles were given in the sermon from Randy Alcorn. Discuss each and their application to our lives:
   "God owns everything, I am his money manager."
   "Giving is the antidote to materialism."

9. Read Malachi 3:6-12. Discuss the dialogue God has with the people. What does God tell us to test him in? Why would he have us test him in this area?