



Generosity

Treasures in Heaven

Discussion Questions:

1) This week we continue our study of generosity as we consider Jesus words in **Matthew 6**. It is interesting to consider that this chapter contains Jesus' teaching on:

- Giving to the needy
- Forgiveness of those who have wronged you
- Fasting
- His challenge to not be a worrier
- How to pray by giving us the Lord's Prayer.

Read **Mathew 6:19-24**. **"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. "The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness! "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.**

What significance and connections do you see between these teachings? In what way do they address the topic of generosity?

2) Jesus' command in this passage is for us to invest in His eternal Kingdom. This is not a prohibition of investments for ourselves, but a challenge to make sure we make investments that have eternal impact, positive influence those around us, and affect our eternal life in Heaven. Discuss with your group what this could look like in your lives. In other words, how do we live in the world, but still make sure we are committed to investing in eternal efforts?

3) Pastor Dan said this in the message, "generosity sets us free from a self-centered lifestyle shrouded in darkness." Look again at this portion of the Scripture, **The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!**

3) Continued: What do you think Jesus is saying when He talks about the connection between our eyes and our body?

In what ways do you personally see this link play out in your own life? How can you strive to have, "Kingdom Sight?" Meaning a generous outlook which places you in a position to be investing in a wise and godly way?

4) If we have a secular/worldly perspective, we risk being stingy with our resources and therefore, at odds with God. Godly generosity is the key that will set us free from an exhausting back-and-forth struggle. What financial changes is God speaking to you about making in your life so that you can fully serve God?