SUNDAY MORNING @ CALVARYCSM – June 9th, 2024 | Treasure Seekers (Topical) – Matthew 12:33-35; Matthew 6:19-21

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Today, we'll be in Matthew chapter 6.

I want to preface our study today by saying that this is more of a topical study, so we will begin in Matthew 6, but I'm warning you now that we'll be referencing a bit of additional Scriptures on the topic of Treasure.

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In Matthew chapter 6 – this is at the heart of Jesus's Sermon on the Mount – He's addresses the problems that begin to creep up in walk with God – as we serve Him.

You know – one of the many BLESSINGS that we get to have as Christians is that we get to serve God with our lives! We get opportunities to serve at our church. We can volunteer to help clean, set up and tear down, serve food – trust me; there are many ways to get involved, and we welcome the help!

There are Bible studies available, both here on Sunday mornings and then throughout the week for smaller groups. There are many ways to grow deeper in our faith and help further our service to God.

But as much of a blessing these opportunities are, and I hate to even say it, but it comes with a great danger. For some reason (I think because we are humans) – we tend to find our fulfillment in doing these things. If not careful, we find our identity in "being a great person" – and doing the right things. We find enjoyment in being seen. We value being recognized.

In Matthew chapter 6, Jesus begins to address these things. He says (starting in verse 1):

¹ "Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven. ² Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. ³ But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴ that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly.

Now, first take notice of something. Jesus is not saying that we should NOT be doing charitable deeds.

What He IS saying is – that WHEN we do something good – we are not to do it with the intent of being SEEN by others.

What matters here is the MOTIVE behind why we do WHAT we do.

Do we do things to be seen by others?

Are we serving and volunteering our time, all while blowing the trumpet and saying, "Look at me!! Look what I'm doing!!"

Jesus said to not let the left hand know what the right hand is doing. In other words, it's almost as if we're keeping the deed secret to our own self.

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Because – what happens when we sound the trumpet before others? Well... He says we THEN have our reward. And it's a good one, don't get me wrong! It's a nice pat on the back. "Good job, Buddy. You did it! You swept up those crumbs into a nice little pile. Awesome."

You got your little reward – and now you put it in your treasure box – safely and securely – but guess what? In a matter of about THREE hours – you take a look inside your box and you know what you find?

NOTHING.

That's because it's no longer there. What happened to it? Did someone steal it? Did you misplace it?

No. It just didn't last.

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You know what you did? You did something only to be seen by others and you got exactly what you asked for – a smile and a thank you. But what ETERNAL value did it provide you? None.

Jesus says, "Hey, you got your reward. Congratulations." If only you would have done it humbly as unto ME – and not unto men – I had something set aside for you [right here]. But you chose something else. You wanted that compliment instead.

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It's like the kid who sits at the table as their mom gives them a choice: Have this ONE cookie NOW – and hold on to it – don't eat it – and when I return, if you still have the cookie, then guess what? I'll give you TWO cookies instead!

(For me, it would take a dozen!)

But it never fails. The mom returns and what has happened? The kid has crushed the cookie and is confused as to why he doesn't have his reward.

I think some of us are going to have that same look on our face before Jesus. We're going to be wiping cookie stains off our lips while holding out our empty hand waiting for our treasure.

Jesus said, "No, you had your reward. Remember?"

He continues this thought now with prayer – in verse 5 – and says:

⁵ "And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. ⁶ But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. ⁷ And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words.

⁸ "Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him.

First, Jesus addressed our physical works before others. Now, He addresses our spiritual deeds, beginning with prayer.

He says there are those who LOVE to pray! But they do it standing in the middle of the sanctuary and on the corners of the streets – why? Not so that they can be heard by GOD – and point people to Jesus – but so they may be seen by others.

For the PURPOSE of being seen by others!

What does He say again? They HAVE their reward.

Only, here's what it looks like:

"Wow, that guy is pretty spiritual."

"Wow, look at her – she knows how to pray."

"Oh, wow – that person REALLY loves Jesus. Look at them go!"

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But He says when YOU pray – don't be like those hypocrites! They are hypocrites because what they are displaying on the OUTSIDE – is not indicative of what is truly happening with them – on the INSIDE.

Don't be like THAT guy, He says. No, but YOU – YOU – go into your own room and shut the door behind you. Go into that secret place – and seek the presence of your Father – who has a different type of reward for you.

If God knows the things you have need of before you even ask them, why bother airing out your needs at the top of your lungs in front of others?

Now – we can (and we SHOULD) still be praying corporately – and together. WITH one another – and FOR one another. But not in a way that draws attention to ourselves.

Again – consider the **MOTIVE** behind what we do before the Lord.

He adds (in verse 16):

¹⁶ "Moreover, when you fast, do not be like the hypocrites, with a sad countenance. For they disfigure their faces that they may appear to men to be fasting. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. ¹⁷ But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, ¹⁸ so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

Same concept here, right? WHEN you fast – WHEN you forsake something so valuable to you (such as food) – do it for the purpose of seeking God in the secret place.

No one needs to know what you're doing or why!

You don't need to walk around downcast and telling people all about your hunger pains because "you're seeking the Lord".

If you're doing these things to be seen by OTHERS – then you're doing these things with the wrong motives and with the wrong perspective.

Again – it's the MOTIVE – that matters here, Jesus is trying to communicate.

In all three examples, Jesus told us that there is a REWARD. But the rewards of the Father are not immediately given.

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All these rewards you receive from men are treasures that we begin to lay up for ourselves here on earth. They won't last. They have an expiration date, and it's sooner than you think.

Now – all that to say – I want us to look now at our verse we're concentrating on this morning... verse 19.

It's a very familiar verse, but it's such a great reminder to each of us this morning. Concerning what we're doing with our resources and how we're living our lives...

He says:

¹⁹ "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Did you hear that?

Not even the greatest of thieves can break in and steal the treasure that is stored in Heaven. For where your treasure is... there your heart will be also.

This past Easter Sunday, we had an incredible time spent here in worship and in the Word. Friends and families joined us here in fellowship and spiritual growth.

But something else took place on that very morning. While God's Word was being planted in our hearts – for HIS purpose – there was a different worship service taking place for a much smaller group on the West Coast.

On Sunday morning, March 31st, 2024 – a band of burglars broke into a cash storage facility located in a suburb of Sylmar, California. It was reported that these thieves made off with \$30 million dollars in stolen cash.

To top that off, the burglars managed to break into the storage facility – completely undetected.

The thieves entered through the roof... managed to work around the alarmed security system, breaking into the vault – and completely escaping and eluding any detection.

It's been quoted as something that you would only see in the movies – such as an Ocean's or Mission: Impossible movie. It was just that good!

In fact – no one on site at the facility even noticed there was a break in – until the next day.

Even today, two months later, authorities are no closer to discovering the identity of these thieves than they were immediately following. An employee went on record, stating, "It's just mind-blowing that you would never suspect it. \$30 million [dollars] in the Valley, gone. How? Why? I'm still trying to process it. Was it an inside job? Was it just one person? Was it a group? You know, there's a lot of questions."

I'd say! I even have a few of my own!

It was even said (of this group) that the heist was so well-planned and executed that it's quite possible this money will never be discovered.

Whoever these thieves were, they may have just made off with some of the greatest treasure in the history of robberies.

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Now, despite how this must sound – I obviously don't condone what took place. Am I impressed? Maybe a little!

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But I bring it up to help us understand our topic today... We all have things in our life that we treasure. That we seek after.

Deep down, there's an innate desire to accumulate. Whether it be actual riches such as money – stocks, bonds – equity – investments or bank accounts – or fill in the blank.

Whether you're rich or poor – full or empty – complaining or content --- at some point, we all come to the same conclusion and question... which is – "When is enough... truly enough?" Or – is enough – ever really ---- enough?

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A survey was done many years ago that asked a wide range of Americans how much money it would take for them to be satisfied.

Those who made \$20,000 a year said it would take about \$40,000. Those who made \$40,000 said \$80,000. And those who made \$100,000 said \$200,000.

You get the idea by now, right? In order to be completely satisfied, the average American would need to make DOUBLE of what they're currently earning right now.

I won't ask YOU this morning... but if I WERE to ask you how much it would take for you to be content – I'm guessing (for many of us, at least) – we'd all be happy with a little "extra" in our bank accounts from time to time.

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That's why – here in Matthew 6 – Jesus wanted to address **the biggest bank account that each of us have**.

It's not the secret account you have in the Caymans!

It's not the \$30 million that you managed to steal from the vault on Easter (if you're listening this morning).

It's not even in the vault or safety deposit box here at your local bank.

No, Jesus cares more about what we accumulate in our <u>heart</u> – than what it is that we accumulate in some bank account – or in the form of equity – or in what we have sitting in our garage.

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If what is accumulated in our hearts is equal to our treasure (spiritually) – then I've got to ask you this morning:

We all have a treasure chest with our valuables inside... but what are you accumulating inside your treasure "CHEST"?

For some of us, it may be the love of money. For others, it's the desire for fame of some sort.

Maybe it's popularity.

Or recognition. Being known by others.

Perhaps it's sin. Clogging up the arteries of your heart. Restricting the life flow of a healthy heart.

It could be addictive behaviors.

Jealousies.

Filth.

What does that "treasure" look like - inside that "chest" of yours?

If you had even just ONE million dollars --- or even if you suddenly won the lottery --- you hit JACKPOT --- what would you do with the money?

Have you ever thought of that? Of course you have! We ALL have (to some degree).

We hear of people winning "however many millions" of dollars and we immediately go, "What!? MAN – I wish that would have been ME!"

For some of you, you think, "If only I played the lottery." For others, you might think, "Man, if only I didn't buy 30 of the WRONG tickets!"

You know who you are...

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If we all took a quick 30 seconds and thought through our lottery-winning plan, I bet it'd look something like this:

- "The first thing I'd do is pay off my house!"
- "Then I'd buy a nice car!"
- "The next thing I'd do is pay off my parents' house!" Or, maybe move far, far away from your parents. Or buy them a house across the country!
- Then, you'd buy a second home somewhere on the lake or maybe at the beach. And then in the mountains just for fun!

And then you come back down to earth. And you realize, none of this is realistic. Unless you – in fact – win the lottery.

But I'm guessing most of us would then realize (at some point) – that not even the largest bank account – would ever truly satisfy.

Because that's the thing about *earthly* treasure. It always leaves us wanting MORE.

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Hey, listen – having money is not bad. But what are you DOING with your money? Again, bring it back to our text today. What is the MOTIVATION behind what we do with what we have?

How are we being resourceful – with the resources God has given us? Are we stewarding them well?

Look again at verse 19 and pay close attention... Because where your **treasure** is, there your heart will be also.

In our culture and society today, we use the word, "heart", a lot. The secular cry of today would say, "Just follow your heart!" "Go where your heart leads you." "Listen to your heart."

But when using that word, we know we're not actually referring to the organ that beats inside of us – pumping blood throughout our bodies – keeping us alive. No, when the Bible speaks of the heart, the "heart" as we know it – it's "the seat of our emotions." It houses our deepest desires – likes and dislikes – longings – and yearnings. We are both <u>led</u> by our heart – and moved with <u>compassion</u> by our heart.

Helen Keller said, "The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched – they must be felt with the heart." Now that's coming from someone who understood the power of the human heart as the seat of the emotions – probably better than anyone in this room. And though I don't disagree with her... I also know the danger of listening to your heart – and following where it leads.

Ask me today what I desire and then ask me again tomorrow after I've slept on it for a night! My feelings might change – or they might not. The things I once desired as a child are not things I still desire today. And the things I desire today may not be the things I still desire 10 years from now.

That's because plans change. Life changes. Feelings come and go. When we follow our hearts, we can often be led astray. And do you know why? The answer is found in *Jeremiah 17*, *verse 9*. We're told – brace yourself – "The HEART --- is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; Who can know it?"

So, go on. Follow your heart, then, right?

But do you know WHY God said this? It's because God understands the heart more than anyone else. Because He created it. And He created US – to have feelings. God knows your heart better than YOU do! As Jeremiah penned, "Who can know it?" The answer is – God can. And God does.

Psalm 44:20-21 tells us, "If we had forgotten the name of our God, or stretched out our hands to a foreign god, would not God search this out? For He knows the secrets of the heart." In other words – you're not getting anything past God! He searches the heart and knows the desires of Man.

Jeremiah 17:10 continues with the answer to this question God posed: "WHO can know [the heart]?" God says, "I, the Lord, search the heart, I test the mind, even to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings."

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Now, I don't know if you know how fruit works. But a seed is planted, a tree is grown, and then it begins to bear fruit. And guess what? That fruit – is in direct correlation of what type of tree was planted. You plant an apple tree? You get apples. Plant a lemon tree? You get lemons. I know your life has just changed forever after learning this – you're welcome.

But that's what makes this verse both comforting and – a little scary – all at the same time. God searches my heart – and He tests my mind – to give according to my ways – and according to the fruit of my doings. Okay, well, hopefully what He finds (in His search) is GOOD fruit, right? If God searches within and gives according to the fruit of our doings, then, "Lord, may You find good fruit within!"

See – this is what Jesus was warning the Pharisees of in Matthew 12:33-35.

Flip forward just a few chapters with me. Matthew chapter 12.

Jesus was receiving all kinds of backlash for His radical words. He was going against the religious grain.

Starting in verse 33, this is what Jesus says... He says:

³³ "Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or else make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for a tree is known by its fruit. ³⁴ Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. ³⁵ A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things.

It's not rocket science! This is biology.

I remember being a kid at my grandparents' house where they had an apple tree out front. So, guess what we used to do? We'd go outside and pick the apples! It was always a lot of fun. But because we were so short and couldn't reach the apples on the branches, it was just much easier for us to pick up what had already fallen to the ground. But I've gotta say... the majority of apples we found on the ground – were rotten! They had worms crawling in and out of them... they had bad spots on them where the apples started to decay and go bad... they were horrible. They certainly weren't worth eating, I can tell you that!

So, guess what we THEN did with them?

We deemed them as BAD FRUIT – and then tossed them as far as we could into the woods. Why? Because the fruit was there... but the fruit was BAD.

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Let me ask you something. If Jesus were to take a look around in your life right now – maybe into the pasture of your heart... what kind of fruit would He find? And then what would He do with it?

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When He reaches down to pick it up and inspect it, would He say of you, "Well done. You've been faithful. You've been a good steward of what I've given you. Wow, this is good fruit. Good job." Or would He pick up the fruit, take a glance, and then toss it in the woods?

Let me tell you something – it is not God's desire to reject the fruit you have to offer. But let's not forget Abel in the Garden of Eden... if the sacrifice we have to offer God is not pleasing – or it's not done with a devoted heart to Him – then it's not a worthy sacrifice.

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Let me put it to you this way – the fruit in YOUR life --- will reveal what's hidden deep inside. The way you live YOUR life – will reveal to others – what's been hiding in your heart.

I want the fruit in my life to be genuine! I want the fruit in my life to reveal what God has done (and is STILL doing) inside my heart!

Hey – I don't want to just SAY it... I want to DO it.

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And here's what scares me:

Mark 7 tells me what naturally flows out of the heart of Man. We're told: "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed EVIL thoughts --- adulteries --- fornications --- murders --- thefts --- covetousness --- wickedness --- deceit --- lewdness --- an evil eye --- blasphemy --- pride --- foolishness. All these evil things come from within the heart and defile a man." (v21-23)

"Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks," right? Yikes.

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The question then becomes, "What shape – and condition is your heart in?" Because if the heart is what drives a man to do the things he does... If the heart is what steers the body in different directions... If the heart is what influences the actions of a person... then that person must take account for the condition of their own heart. Beyond blocked arteries and pacemakers – above cholesterol issues and arrhythmias, past the palpitations and blood pressure problems --- what is the SPIRITUAL state of your heart – right now?

Because just like the state of our <u>physical</u> heart is vitally important to the state of our <u>physical</u> heart – for our spiritual well-being.

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Physically, we're not even guaranteed tomorrow. But *spiritually*? We have *eternity* – well beyond this life as we know it.

That's why Jesus was constantly trying to bring this into perspective for us. He likened the tree and its fruit to a man and the treasure he produces out of his heart. A good man – out of the GOOD treasure of his heart – will produce GOOD things. But an evil man – out of the evil of HIS heart – will produce evil things.

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I love this analogy of treasure. It got me thinking – if fruit is what's being produced in my life — if treasure is what's overflowing out of my heart, then it forces me to determine whether or not it's GOOD... or EVIL.

What does that treasure look like? What kind of treasure might there be in my heart?

Well, quite simply? It looks like whatever it is that I value most. Because what did Jesus say? He said, "For where your treasure is... there your heart will be also." Therefore, the things that I value most – will be the be things my heart is attached to the most.

So, then. Here's how you can tell. Ask yourself:

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"What are my greatest desires in life?"
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"What – TREASURE – is it – that I'm seeking after – and hoping to find?"

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Like the man who walks up and down the shore of the beach every day with his metal detector... Do you think he's seeking after seashells? No! He's searching for your \$5,000 ring that slipped off your finger when that big wave knocked you out!

He's searching – for TREASURE. He's seeking after what will bring value to his life.

Like the woman who spends her afternoons at the gas station scratching off \$50 worth of tickets everyday... do you think she's just leisurely having fun? Out of the excess of her bank

[&]quot;What are the things I chase after most?"

[&]quot;What is it - that I crave?"

[&]quot;What drives me? What motivates me? What is it that I seek?"

account? No! She's searching – for TREASURE. She's seeking after what will bring value to her life.

Think now – about what you've allowed into this treasure "CHEST" of yours... what exactly is bringing "true value" to your life?

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If we did some open-heart surgery, would there be lasting treasure that has eternal value? Or would it be easily destroyed by moth and rust?

I'm reminded of the old cartoon where the hearse is seen dragging a U-Haul. One day (when you die) – because we all will die (sorry to remind you of that one...) – but one day (when you die) – there is only one thing that will pass from this life here on earth and into the next... and it is your soul. Your soul is the only eternal part of your life here on earth. Now, as far as what will be in our <u>spiritual</u> "U-Haul" when we go? Well, that's up to you.

I can tell you some things it WON'T be. It won't be money. It won't be fortune. It won't be fame.

It won't be a legacy (see, legacies are meant to be left here on earth). It won't be whatever valuable and prized possessions you have collected over the years and have kept safe hoarded up in your basement. *All so your kids can just sell them one day when you die!*

I just want you to consider – the eternal value that these items will have – AFTER you have passed on from this life. And then consider how you're using them at this moment. Are you using them for your OWN glory? Or for whatever purpose God might have?

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In the parable of the talents, the Master was not pleased to see the talents hidden – stored away. He WAS pleased, however, when He noticed the investment that was made that produced fruit. When it produced MORE – when it produced an INCREASE.

I think our Master will be pleased when He sees what He's given us – being sown back into His kingdom.

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I love my wife – and my kids. But I don't idolize them. I love playing baseball with my boys – and coaching them. But baseball is not my god. And I can assure you – money is definitely not my treasure! Oh, it would be nice to have a fat stack at my disposal anytime I needed or wanted it! But God probably knew that if I had mounds of money, I'd spend it carelessly (or perhaps even hold on to it too tightly).

But here's what happens when we hold on so tightly to these earthly things that we value so much. When we're constantly holding on tightly to the things that have no eternal value, our hands are no longer OPEN – to receive what God might want to place in them. Maybe God is trying to get our attention while we're holding on to things that quote/unquote "matter more" to us in the day-to-day moments. Maybe we need to try opening our hands to God – and receiving the treasure that HE has for us.

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And you know – God has gifted us with so many blessings. His treasure is innumerable! But perhaps the *greatest treasure that God has given us is the gift of His own Son, Jesus*.

He placed His own Son on that cross – in the place where each of us deserved to be instead. Jesus hung on that cross and breathed His last – all – so – we – could – have life – and have life more abundantly – and life eternal. *God unveiled His greatest treasure – in the form of His Son, Jesus Christ. Absolutely free. No purchase necessary. A value even greater than gold --- the treasure of salvation.* The only thing we need to do is receive it. If you don't RECEIVE the treasure that's being handed over to you, you'll never HAVE the treasure. See how that works? God has offered it; all we have to do is receive it.

Some people search a lifetime – for a hidden treasure – and they miss what's been revealed right in front of them their entire life.

God has shared His own kingdom – and His own Son with us. Surely, we can share Him with others around us!

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Jesus told a parable of a man who found a treasure hidden in a field. What did the man do? He found it, he hid it, and he was so happy about it that he sold every possession he had and went and bought the field.

That's because – when you find a treasure like Heaven? You stop searching. Everything else pales in comparison.

If where our treasure is, there our heart will be also... then may the things I treasure be the things of Heaven! *I want my heart – to be set on Heaven*.

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When Jesus is our treasure, THEN we can commit everything else – our possessions and resources – our money, our time, talents, accolades – whatever it may be – to the glory and honor of serving Him.

You may be serving Him now. But are you serving Him with open hands? Ready and willing to let go of the temporary treasures of this earth if He so decides to take them? Ready for whatever ELSE He may want to place in your hands?

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Think about ALL that God has given you – and then think about all that you are doing with it.

None of us is promised tomorrow. So? With the time that you have left... how will you choose to spend it?

You might be sitting on pennies – or you may be sitting on millions... What will you choose to do with the money that God has blessed you with? You don't have to be "rich" – monetarily – in order to be rich – *spiritually*.

You may be working two jobs and only have one hour each night with your family – at best! Or you may be retired and struggling to fill your days with enough events to keep you busy enough.

But is there something you can INVEST your time into – that will allow you be open to what God might want you to do?

After all – we have a chance right now to invest into the treasures of Heaven while on this earth.

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Colossians 3:23-24 reminds us, "And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance..." God has rewards beyond what we can imagine. His inheritance is greater than anything we've ever received or will receive one day on this earth.

What are we to do? We're to keep our hands to the plow. We're to "... seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." (Matthew 6:33). When God is our Greatest Treasure, everything else is just an afterthought.

When we get to Heaven, we're going to trample all over those golden streets – something I'd absolutely love to have in my bank account in this very moment ②. But something that God only uses as turf for me to walk all over when I see Him and worship Him for all eternity.

THEREFORE – I want to be someone who is more HEAVENLY-minded... rather than focusing on what's always JUST right in front of me – shouting the loudest for my attention.

The things of this earth will distract. Don't be caught off guard with things that don't matter in the long run.

Yes, we each have things we need to take care of everyday. That's part of being a steward. But being a steward ALSO means having the mindset that says, "With everything I do, HOW can I best do it for the purpose and glory of the Lord? How can I lead my family today – in a way that points them to Jesus? How can I best love this person that shows them both MY love for Jesus – and the love Jesus has for them? How can I best spend my time today – that will sow into the kingdom of God?"

Because that's what it looks like to be a good steward. We're always sowing seeds. The question is – as Jesus said in Matthew 6 – are we sowing seeds that will bring GOOD fruit? Or bad fruit?

The fruit of God's Spirit is "... love, joy, peace, longsuffering (or patience), kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law."

These are the things GOD sows within the believer. Am I then – turning around and sowing back into the kingdom with what God has planted in my heart?

Anything else is for my own pleasure.

May my heart – be set – on the treasures of Heaven!

For where my TREASURE is – there – my heart will be also.