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Treasure: Where Your Heart Is

Series overview: Biblical stewardship is a whole-life response to the generosity of God – our treasures, our time, our abilities, ultimately our entire lives. This 4 week series isn't about giving more. It's about trusting God more, living intentionally, serving others, and bringing glory to God through everything He has entrusted to us.

Series Big idea: Everything we have belongs to God, and everything He entrusts to us is an opportunity to honor Him through faithful stewardship.

Anchor Text: 1 Corinthians 4:1-2 (NIV) **"**This, then, is how you ought to regard us: as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the mysteries God has revealed. [2] Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful."

Today's Big idea: How we view and manage our earthly treasure reveals what we truly value, where we place our trust, and whom we ultimately serve.

Today's Primary text: Matthew 6:19-24

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1. Our Treasure Reveals Our Hearts

Matthew 6:19-21

Key Truth: What we treasure reveals what we value.

- Earthly treasure is temporary. (Luke 12:16-21)
- The pursuit of more never satisfies. (Ecclesiastes 5:10)
- Our hearts follow our treasure. (Proverbs 4:23)

Reflection: What does the way I manage my money reveal about the priorities of my heart?

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2. Our Perspective Shapes Our Priorities

Matthew 6:22-23

Key truth: How we see money influences how we live.

- A healthy perspective recognizes God's ownership. (Psalm 24:1)
- An unhealthy perspective can lead to greed. (1 Timothy 6:9-10)
- Generosity reflects a kingdom perspective. (Mark 12:41-44)

Reflect: Am I viewing my resources through God's kingdom or the world's definition of success?

3. Our Master Determines Our Direction

Matthew 6:24

Key truth: Money is a useful servant but a terrible master.

Key word: Mamōnas | Strong's G3126

Definition: Wealth, riches, or material possessions, especially when treated as a source of confidence or trust.

Jesus personifies wealth as a competing master, warning that money can become an idol that demands the loyalty, security, and devotion belonging to God alone.

- Exclusive allegiance: We cannot serve two masters. (Matthew 6:24)
- Revealer of the heart: Our relationship with money can expose misplaced trust. (1 Timothy 6:9–10)
- Eternal perspective: Earthly wealth is temporary; faithful stewardship has eternal significance. (Matthew 6:19–21)

Personal Discipleship — Breaking the Grip of Mammon

- Practice intentional generosity. (Proverbs 3:9–10)
- Cultivate contentment. (Hebrews 13:5)
- Prioritize God's kingdom. (Matthew 6:33)

Reflection: Is money serving God's purposes in my life, or am I allowing money to determine my priorities?

Resource

- **Seedtime: Financial Freedom equipping tool for each person in our church.**

Application – Living with Open Hands

1. Examine your heart: What am I trusting for security and satisfaction?

2. Evaluate your priorities: Do my financial decisions reflect my commitment to Christ?

3. Exercise generosity: How can I use what God has entrusted to me to bless others?

My next faithful step: What is one practical change I can make to honor God with the resources He's entrusted to me?