

The Treasure Principle: Storehouse

Matthew 6:19-21

1. What is your most prized earthly possession? How did you obtain it? Why does it hold high value for you?
2. Read Matthew 6:19-21. Pastor Mark draws a distinction between “saving up” for anticipated big expenses and “storing up” treasures on earth. In your mind, what is the difference between “saving up” and “storing up”?
3. Why do you think Jesus tells us not to “store up” treasures on earth?
4. What do you think Jesus means when he says, “where your treasure is, there will your heart be also”?
5. What do you think Jesus means when he says, “you cannot serve both God and money”?
6. Pastor Mark points out that what sometimes gets translated as “money” in this passage is better translated as “mammon.” Mammon was a spiritual force that could corrupt people through greed and selfishness. How are money and Mammon related? How might a person still have money but not “serve mammon”?
7. What do you think Jesus means when he tells us to “store up treasures in heaven”?
8. Pastor Mark suggests that Jesus doesn’t discourage the idea of “storing up” treasure, Jesus just wants to encourage us to put our treasure in the right store house. How can we make certain that we are storing up treasure in heaven?
9. Pastor Mark returns to the idea that there will be rewards in heaven. Those rewards will be based on what we have done (2 Corinthians 5:10). But that God tells us about heavenly rewards to encourage us to be faithful, not to

appeal to our selfishness. Why do you think our faithfulness will be rewarded in heaven?

10. Pastor Mark says that “you can’t take it with you, but you can send it on ahead.” What do you think that means?