

# **Who is the Master of Your Money?**

## **Matthew 6:19-24**

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1. While Jesus taught on many different topics, His most famous message is called the Sermon on the Mount, found in Matthew 5-7.
  - a. He covered many of the subjects of life: how to treat others, how to forgive, how to handle lust, how to handle worry, the importance of keeping your word, and the difference between true and false prayer.
2. In Matthew 6:19-24, Jesus challenges us with the question, “Where is your treasure?” He helps us find the answer by giving four tests.
  - I. Who Is the Master of Your Possessions? Matthew 6:19, “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.”
    - A. The first test is found in verses 19-20 and asks the question, “How long will it last?”
      1. Verse 19: “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.”
      2. Verse 20: “But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven...”
    - B. Two things happen to the things we own.
  - II. Who is the Master of Your Heart? Matthew 6:21, “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”
    - A. The second test asks the question, “Where are you investing your time and money?”
    - B. Whatever you invest your time and money in will become very important to you.
  - III. Who is the Master of Your Mind? Matthew 6:22-23, “The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eyes are bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!”
    - A. The third test asks the question, “Where is your focus?”
    - B. Earthly treasures are fleeting and futile but heavenly treasures are secure.
      1. “And into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade - kept in heaven for you.” 1 Peter 1:4
      2. Verse 20: “But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.”
      3. “The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.” 1 John 2:17
  - IV. Who is the Master of Your Life? Matthew 6:24, “No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.”
    - A. The fourth test focuses on our will and asks the question: “Whom do you serve?”
    - B. If you are devoted to the pursuit of possessions, you will find yourself despising the things of God.