

KINGDOM LIFE

OUTRAGEOUS HOPE FOR ORDINARY LIFE

“Treasuring Treasures”

Sunday, May 19, 2019

Matthew 6:19-21

**A WORSHIP SERIES THROUGH
JESUS' SERMON ON THE MOUNT**

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“...store up for yourself treasures...”
“Treasure Your Treasures”

Whatever You Value:



Possessions

Money & Things

(House, car, trinkets, computer...)



People

Family & Friends
(past, present and future)



Personal

Spiritual

Reputation/Acceptance

Job

Independence

Gospel Growth

Worship

Gospel Relationships

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What MUST I have to be satisfied?

What dominates my Resources...time, money, energy, thinking?

What makes you overly anxious?

Where does your money go?

What dominates your time?

What do you obsess over?

What are you known for?



The issue (usually) isn't what you love,
but how much you love it.

It's a Valuation Issue.

We all constantly order (and re-order) everything in life, treasuring one thing over another by how much of our hearts and resources we give it.



Price is Right "Hi-Lo" Game

Why we tend to overvalue earthly treasures:

They have an immediate and gratifying return on investment

We are by nature self-gratifying

What's wrong with overvaluing earthly treasures:

Their ROI is hollow

Their ROI is temporary

They enslave me

The more you get the more you will want. Augustine

When asked, "*How much money is enough money?*"
Rockefeller replied, "*Just a little bit more.*"

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What are Heavenly Treasures?

Ephesians 1

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.... ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸ which he lavished upon us...^{13b} ...sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

We Are:

- Loved
- Pursued
- Adopted
- Restored
- Satisfied
- Secured
- Finished



What are Heavenly Treasures?

Heavenly Treasure Are:

- God Himself
- Our True Selves
- Each Other

It is so much more than “going to heaven.”

It is, starting right now, living Heaven-Ward in our renewed relationship with God Himself, Ourselves and One Another.



What are Heavenly Treasures?

Heavenly Treasures offer what we most desire:
Satisfaction, Hope, Fullness, Intimacy with God.
And they can never be consumed by death or theft.



Ephesians 1:7

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to *the riches of his grace*,⁸ which he *lavished* upon us...

I am the Treasure of God,
and He is mine.



Return of the Prodigal - Rembrandt

HOW we can truly value Heavenly Treasures:

Matthew 13:44

The kingdom of heaven is like **treasure** hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

Christ the BrideGroom is proposing to us, the Bride.

The Catch:
Jesus isn't into polygamy.

The Call:
Daily run to the one that has run to you.

“When you see him dying to make you his treasure, that will make him yours.”
Timothy Keller (Counterfeit Gods)



As we prepare for Communion:

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Confess:

“Lord, I have not properly treasured You but have instead treasured my own ways and desires.”

Ask:

“Lord, help me to see and believe in your incredible Love, and that you are to be treasured above all else.”

Accept:

“Lord, thank you for pursuing me and dying for me so that I can have never-ending heavenly treasures, starting now.”

Luke 22

¹⁹ And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁰ And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.”

