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## City on a Hill

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### Matthew 6:19-24 “Treasure”

Everyone lives for some kind of treasure. Christ is the only treasure worth leaving everything for! (Phil3:8)

#### **Money Can Blind Us to Greed:** (vv22-23; Luke12:15)

Money may be blinding you to greed if you...

- Don't give faithfully (Pro3:9-10), save systematically (Pro21:20, 22:3) & spend strategically (Pro21:5)?
- Believe that debt is a lifelong friend rather than a short term visitor? (Pro22:7)
- Believe that money can be your happiness or buy your happiness. (Luke12:15; Eccl3:11)
- Confuse “could” with “should” when making financial decisions. (Eph5:15-17)
- Don't know why you are spending: Image, Pleasure, Investment, Perceived Necessity, Necessity, Emotional Spending (i.e. Anxiety, Boredom, Discontentment, Depression, Revenge, etc.). (Pro4:23)
- You get into careers that you don't like but it makes you good money & fail to ask if what you're doing is good for human flourishing. (Eph2:10; Matt5:16)

#### **Money Can Reveal What We Treasure most:**

(vv21, 24; 1Tim6:6-12, 17-19)

- You spend money effortlessly & joyfully on what you treasure.
- Treasure earthly things and your life will be fragile but treasure heavenly things and your life will be strong.

#### **How to Break the Power of Money:**

- A treasure can't be removed only replaced. (vv19-20, 24; Ex20:3)
- Make Christ the treasure of your life. (v24; Col2:3, 3:1-2; 1Pet2:6)
- Christ becomes the treasure of your life when you see that you are His. (1Pet1:18-19, 2:9)



# Growing

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**1)** Everyone lives for some kind of treasure. What does that mean and how would you know what a person's treasure is? We were created to treasure the Creator above all. What does that look like & why do we tend to exchange treasuring the Creator for something He created (Rom1:25, 3:23)?

**2)** Read Matthew 6:10-24. Anything in particular stand out to you from this text? What is greed & how does money blind us to greed (vv22-23; Luke12:15)? Money may be blinding you to greed if you... (Review the six statements from the sermon notes). Which one(s) are most helpful to you? Explain.

**3)** How can money reveal what we treasure most (vv21, 24; 1Tim6:6-12, 17-19)? Why is it that where we spend our money effortlessly & joyfully leads us to what has captivated our heart? What is our treasure if we don't spend our money but save it obsessively? What does it mean that if we treasure earthly things our life will be fragile but if we treasure heavenly things our life will be strong?

**4)** To Break the Power of Money why is it important to remember that a treasure can't be removed only replaced (vv19-20, 24; Ex20:3)? What does it mean to make Christ your treasure (v24; Col2:3, 3:1-2; 1Pet2:6)? Christ becomes the treasure of your life when you see that you are His (1Pet1:18-19, 2:9). Explain. Take some time filling your mind with the beauty & value of Christ through prayer. .