

b) Read the following verses and note what you learn about “treasures in heaven:”

- **Matthew 19:16, 20-22**
- **Matthew 25:34-36**
- **1 Peter 1:3-4**
- **Revelation 22:12**

4. a) Put **Matthew 6:21** into your own words. How have you experienced the truth of this statement by Jesus?

b) Jesus is not making the case for poverty or a life without any possessions. What do you think is the greater lesson He is teaching (**V19-21**)? Review Paul’s words in **1 Timothy 6:17-19** in your search for similar godly wisdom.

5. **Matthew 6:22-23** is a bit cryptic.

a) How is the eye characterized in **V22a**? What could this infer about the significance of the eye? *Note: commentators do not agree.*

b) Jesus talks about two different kinds of eyes. From **V22b-23a**, what is true of healthy eyes as opposed to unhealthy eyes and how might the eyes reflect kingdom priorities? *Note: the footnotes in the NIV translation indicate that healthy eyes imply generosity and unhealthy eyes imply stinginess.*

c) Comment on how you interpret what Jesus says in **V23b** and what a person who is stingy conveys about the treasures they are storing up. **Proverbs 28:11** speaks to this.

6. a) From **Matthew 6:24**, describe how a “master” functions and why it is impossible for a person to serve two of them. What are the two masters presented in these verses?
- b) CHALLENGE: Read **Matthew 22:37-38** and meditate on what Jesus said is the greatest commandment in the Law. Discuss whether you see the love of God as incompatible with the love of money and how the pull of money or material wealth has competed with your desire to love God.

7. **JESUS SAID: STORE UP HEAVENLY TREASURES**

Heavenly treasures are unseen but they are more real and of greater worth than any worldly treasure. (**2 Corinthians 4:18**.) So what can we do to obey Jesus and store them up? Could it be this: “Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.” **1 Peter 1:8-9**

Ask the Spirit to guide you to fix your eyes not on what is seen but on what is eternal, the unseen. Pour out praise for your faith to believe in Jesus, of greater worth than gold, and for the joy and hope you have in Him.

MEMORY VERSE: "So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." **2 Corinthians 4:18**

NAME

PRAYER REQUEST