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*"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth,...But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven,..."*  
Matt. 6:19,20

### **I. Rewards from The Father not Men (Matt. 6)**

- A. 11 times in Matthew 6 "Father" is referred to
- B. Central theme of the chapter is gaining rewards from God rather than the world
- C. Two great temptations:
  - 1. Being seen by people to gain their reward:
    - i. Vs. 1 - (acts of righteousness) "no reward from the Father"
    - ii. Vs. 4 - (giving) "what is done in secret, the Father will reward you"
    - iii. Vs. 6 - "(prayer)" "what is done in secret, your Father will reward you"
    - iv. Vs. 18- (fasting) - "your Father, who sees what is done in secret will reward you"
  - 2. Trusting in the world rather than rewards from God:
    - i. Vs. 20 - "store up for yourselves treasure in heaven" = Vs. 21 "heart"
    - ii. Vs. 24 - "No one can serve two matters" = "God" vs. "Money"
    - iii. Vs. 25 - "therefore, do not worry about your life" = Vs. 34 "Seek first the Kingdom"

### **II. Required Investments in Heaven not Earth (Matt. 6:19 - 20)**

- A. Present active Imperative = command from Christ
  - 1. "Do not store up treasures on earth"
  - 2. "Do store up treasures in heaven"
  - 3. "Store up" = thesaurizo = set aside and build up for the future (5x) = invest
  - 4. Also used as the word "treasure"
- B. Problems with "earthly investments"
  - 1. Pest - natural enemies destroy
  - 2. Rot - everything decays
  - 3. People - people steal and destroy
  - 4. Don't cross over with you
- C. Protected investment = eternal investments! Kingdom Values are eternal values!
- D. Why do we store up treasure on earth? (Luke 12, 2 Tim. 4, Matt. 19)

### **III. Realize that our Hearts Follow our Investments (Matt. 6:21)**

- A. "Where [the] treasure (thesauros) is" = that which we consider our investment future
- B. "There our [the] heart (kardia) is also" = the values which drives our lives
- C. Two problems with heart:
  - 1. Vs. 24 - Our heart can only trust in one or another - no compromise - only one Lord
  - 2. Vs. 25 -34 - We fall into worry or we find peace.
- D. How do we invest in heaven with the resources provided by God?
  - 1. Give until it hurts to the primary extension of God's Kingdom Values = His church
  - 2. Invest your resources in making disciples starting at home and then out to the world
  - 3. Invest your personal time to seek to **grow** in your relationship with The Father
  - 4. Serve others sacrificially as the Spirit leads