



FOR THE OUTCAST

TREASURE HUNT

Matthew 6:19 – 24

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MESSAGE NOTES

Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be. Your eye is like a lamp that provides light for your body. When your eye is healthy, your whole body is filled with light. But when your eye is unhealthy, your whole body is filled with darkness. And if the light you think you have is actually darkness, how deep that darkness is! No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money.

– Matthew 6:19 – 24 (NLT)

Anything I wanted, I would take. I denied myself no pleasure. I even found great pleasure in hard work, a reward for all my labors. But as I looked at everything I had worked so hard to accomplish, it was all so MEANINGLESS—like chasing the wind. There was nothing really worthwhile anywhere.

– Ecclesiastes 2:10 – 11 (NLT)

When Jesus saw that they were ready to force him to be their king, he slipped away into the hills by himself.

– John 6:15 (NLT)

At this point many of his disciples turned away and deserted him. – John 6:66 (NLT)

1 Corinthians 7:31 (NLT) tell us:

Those who use the things of the world should not become attached to them. For this world as we know it will soon pass away.

Enjoy what you have rather than desiring what you don't have. – Ecclesiastes 6:9 (NLT)

What would it look like for Jesus to be our greatest treasure?

- We need a new heart
- Help the poor and those in need



- Take risks that will honor God
- Live a simple life
- Seek the kingdom of God first
- Trust the promises of God and do not be anxious

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What treasure do I need to reevaluate in my life?
- How will I live more openhanded with the stuff in my life?
- How can I pursue Christ more in my life this week?