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Kingdom Come
Treasures in Heaven
Matthew 6:19-24

Introduction

1. If you were given a million dollars that you could not keep, but had to give away, what would you do with it? On the other hand, if you could keep it and, it was all yours to spend, how would you spend it?

Understanding

Read Matthew 6:19-24.

2. Pastor Dave's first test in diagnosing materialism is "check your storing." Read verses 19-20. What earthly treasures are you tempted to store up for yourself? Jesus reminds us that these earthly treasures don't last. How does recognizing our relationships with God and others as heavenly treasures, which last forever, change our priorities and behavior?
3. Read verses 22-23. When we are greedy, and focused on material things, we have a worldly eye. We miss what God wants us to see – the beauty of grace, the blessing of generosity. Take a few minutes and reflect on your own life, what things do you see & get focused on (for example, are you quick to notice your neighbors new Mercedes, or the big houses that you pass as you drive to work)? What emotions do those stir up in your heart? What are some practical things you can do to re-focus your eyes on the Spiritual things?
4. Read verse 24. Do you agree with Jesus' statements in this verse? How has this principle of "you can not serve two masters" been reflected in your life?
5. Pastor Dave says, "if you're walking in the way of God's kingdom, you will be a radically generous person. You will not look at giving as a burden." How has your relationship with God changed the way that you give? What are the obstacles that people face that can hinder their giving?

Application

6. Pray for hearts that are focused on storing up treasures in heaven. In addition, pray that God will show/give you opportunities to give, and for a heart that will be generous in doing so.