

Sermon on the Mount
Matthew 6:19-24
"God or Mammon"

Introduction

In verses 19-24 of Chapter 6, Jesus teaches about the relationship between God's kingdom and material wealth. The key verse is 24, "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon." (Matthew 6:24 NKJV)

1. Most would probably agree that one of the most prominent gods of America is _____.
2. "Mammon" would eventually come to refer to all material _____.
3. The idea that you can live for both God and Material Wealth is an _____.
4. Unless you consciously choose to serve God, you will serve the god of this world by _____.
5. Jesus provides us with two of these reasons by contrasting two treasures and two _____.

I. Identify the Real Treasure

6. Serving mammon is not making more money or having a higher _____ or enjoying material possessions.
7. There's nothing wrong with being _____, having a good-paying job, or owning many material things.
8. Proverbs 13:22 says that "A good *man* leaves an _____ to his children's children."
9. Serving mammon is when you put your _____ and your future in this life.

10. Serving mammon causes you to seek wealth and possessions to serve your own _____ interests.
11. _____ means "the desire for more."
12. Mammon is not only the same thing as greed; Jesus says it is _____.
13. Americans want to advance to the place where we are so self-sufficient we no longer need to call on _____.
14. It wouldn't be much of an exaggeration to say our greed has destroyed our _____ posterity.
15. Material wealth is not _____.
16. Even if you're fortunate to avoid _____ in this life, you will certainly have to give it all up when you leave this life.
17. You came into this world with _____, and you will leave this world with nothing.
18. Why would you invest your life and _____ to pursue material wealth that you know won't last forever?

II. Invest in the Real Treasure

19. Jesus says to lay up for yourself treasure in _____.
20. This is what Jesus called becoming "_____ toward God" in Luke 12:21.
21. When you devote your life to Christ, you are guaranteed _____ life with God.
22. We become rich toward God by developing godly _____.
23. As you consistently invest in your _____ growth, you will begin to serve God with all that you have.

24. Being "rich in good works" involves sharing your _____ and freedom with others and teaching them the ways of Christ.
25. You can accumulate as many eternal blessings as you want regardless of your _____ resources!

III. Inspect the Treasure

26. The final observation Jesus calls upon us to make is one of _____.
27. Even though it is a small organ, the _____ is the key to functioning smoothly.
28. The type of treasure you seek will significantly _____ the well-being of the rest of your life.
29. The _____ you pursue determines not only your ultimate wealth in the next life but the quality of your life in this life as well.
30. The end result of _____ delivers just the opposite result of the expectation!
31. Many people in our culture have an abundance of materials possession, and yet they are _____ inside.
32. Jesus says you can develop a "good eye" by _____ God and pursuing spiritual wealth.

You will begin to experience a healing and satisfaction in the areas of your life that really matter. Things like:

- The satisfaction of knowing you are honoring your Creator and accomplishing His will.
- That you have a clean and clear conscience about your goals and motivation in life.
- The joy of developing fulfilling friendships and meaningful relationships.
- That you are confident that God can be trusted and that serving Him will be rewarded.

- And God's promise and hope that the future will be perfect and free of evil and sin.

Conclusion

Which treasure are you seeking? Which master are you serving? Which God do you love? Here are some simple questions that may help you:

- What are your dreams & vision? Are they controlled by material things or by spiritual growth & service to God?
- Who do you admire and want to be like?
- What are your closest friends like? What do they value?
- What do you spend your money on?
- What motivates you to be generous financially?
- Is your spirit of giving growing or shrinking?
- Are you content with what you have materially, or are you looking to upgrade and acquire more things?

Only you can choose what you treasure most! So Jesus says to each of us: "Choose the right treasure – Choose a life that's eternal!

ANSWERS:

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| 1. Money | 21. Eternal |
| 2. Wealth | 22. Character |
| 3. Illusion | 23. Spiritual |
| 4. Default | 24. Faith |
| 5. Eyes | 25. Financial |
| 6. Income | 26. Vision |
| 7. Wealthy | 27. Eye |
| 8. Inheritance | 28. Influence |
| 9. Trust | 29. Treasure |
| 10. Self | 30. Materialism |
| 11. Greed | 31. Empty |
| 12. Idolatry | 32. Serving |
| 13. God | |
| 14. Future | |
| 15. Permanent | |
| 16. Loss | |
| 17. Nothing | |
| 18. Talent | |
| 19. Heaven | |
| 20. Rich | |