**Heavenly Treasure**

*Matthew 6:19-34*

**Introduction**

* Preluding the text, Jesus talked about desiring a reward from the Father and not from men.
* Righteousness is to be done to be seen by God (cf. 6:1).
* Recognition from man is fleeting, recognition from God is eternal.
* Continuing the idea of seeking eternal things… (like rewards from the Father)
* There is also a danger of, in addition to seeking glory from men, seeking earthly wealth.

1. Heavenly treasures are eternal. (v. 19-21)
2. We must work.

* Ephesians 4:28; 2 Thessalonians 3:10

1. But we must not let it consume us.

* Luke 12:15-21; 1 Timothy 6:6-10

1. Where is your heart?

* (v. 21); Temporary (Proverbs 27:24; James 5:2-3); Eternal (1 Peter 1:3-5)

1. Serving riches, or God? (can only choose one) (v. 22-24)

* The eye is used to refer to seeing with your heart.
  + When someone understands something they say, “I see.”
  + *“eyes of your understanding being enlightened” (Ephesians 1:18).*
* Good (KJV – single) – *haplous* – simple; Vines – singleness of purpose.
* If we are double minded we are not in the light – James 1:7-8; Revelation 3:16 (double minded = little of both = lukewarm. Double minded is in between like lukewarm, it’s really a whole different thing.)
* You have to choose one or the other. Only one is correct. If you are in between you are not acceptable to God, for you have darkness in you.
  + 1 John 1:5-7

1. God takes care of the necessities. (v. 25-34)
2. Worrying will not help.

* (v. 25-30)
* Prayer does help – Philippians 4:6

1. Worry causes us to lose perspective.

* (v. 31-34)
* Martha lost sight of what was most important – Luke 10:38-42
* Fulfill your duty and everything else will fall into place – Ecclesiastes 12:13

**Conclusion**

* The number one priority in our lives should be to please God.
* Earthly things are fleeting, heavenly things are eternal.
* We can’t serve both and be pleasing to God.
* We must not worry about fleeting things. If we are faithful, God will provide.