



## Blessed – Week One: “It’s All About the Heart”

### CONNECT

- Do you look forward to spring-cleaning? Do you like to get rid of things or do you like to hold on to stuff?

### WORD

#### **Matthew 6:19-24**

*19 “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 22 “The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, [a] your whole body will be full of light. 23 But if your eyes are unhealthy, [b] your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness! 24 “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”*

### THOUGHT

Biblical Stewardship begins with "HEART". When we realize everything we have comes from God (Deuteronomy 8:18, “But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.”) It shows us that the one who died for us Jesus is also the one who provides for us. It produces a heart of Gratitude!

### DISCUSSION

1. In verse 19, Jesus shares that storing up treasures on earth is perishable but in heaven it is non-perishable. What alternatives does Jesus propose we do with our treasures? Desires? Masters?
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**2. What is the connection between treasure and heart? Heart and eye? Eye and body? Masters and money?**

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**3. How does your choice of treasure, master and perception affect your attitude toward life? How does this contribute to light and darkness on the inside of us?**

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**4. Matthew 6:25 – 28, (<sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? <sup>27</sup> Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? <sup>28</sup> “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin.) What does God's care for the birds and Lilies teach you? What do you think this means about you?**

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**5. Verse 22 and 23 share about our eyes are the lamp of the body and that they keep us in light or darkness. Why is it important that in regard to our treasures that our eyes remain a light?**

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## **PERSONAL APPLICATION**

- This week, find your treasure. Look at your priorities, and see where you put your hope. Share with a friend about where your heart lies.
- This week spending time reading the word more and watching programs that produce light and goodness in you.

## **PRAYER**

- Pray asking God to help you focus on the things above and the important aspects of your life that best reflects Him and His kingdom.
- Pray asking God for wisdom with how you utilize your resources.