

## Searching For Buried Treasure (Matthew 6:19-24)

### Entrusted sermon series

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**BIG IDEA:** Wise investors don't try to bury or protect their treasures, but look for opportunities to let go of a good thing now in order to gain something better later.

Matthew 6:19 reminds us to not store up any treasures here. There isn't a single worldly possession we have, or could have, that cannot be lost, stolen, depreciated, damaged or destroyed. What we selfishly hold onto is eventually lost, but what is given away is never lost! It actually comes back to us later, when we get to Heaven.

#### How do we store up "treasures in Heaven"?

We should be living the way God has asked us to live and investing in others however He asks us to invest.

We should be cheerful givers, even giving the shirt off our backs if God says to give it.

We should be making a lifestyle out of giving to the charities God asks us to give to, starting with, God says, the first 10% of our income to the local church. Jesus calls us to live a generous life.

In Luke 6:38, God tells us if we live by His principles and follow His lead, that's how He will bless us!

**MY NEXT STEP:** *Where is my treasure? How much am I investing it here, rather than in Heaven? What is God asking of me today regarding the finances He is entrusting to me right now?*

## QUESTIONS FOR MY TIME WITH GOD:

1. Read Matthew 6, picturing as vividly as you can what and how Jesus was speaking to the crowd that day, and to you today. What words or phrases stand out to you, grab your attention? Why?
2. In verses 19-21, Jesus contrasts treasures here which don't last with treasures in Heaven that do. What treasures on earth do people tend to hold tightly in their lives? Which ones to you hold most tightly? Why do you think that is? What might God be asking of you? This week, what is one practical way that you can trade earthly treasures for some heavenly ones?
3. In verses 24-27 and 31-33, Jesus presents us with a picture of God caring deeply for all our needs and desiring to bless us. How does your image of God impact your attitudes toward finances? Does it?
4. Read Psalm 24:1-2, 50:10-15; and 1 Timothy 6:17-19. What is God speaking to us through these Scriptures?
5. In the message this week Pastor Dave said, *"What is selfishly held onto is eventually lost, but what is given away is never lost."* Would you agree? How might you be able to relate to this?
6. Next week in our series *Entrusted*, we will conclude by seeing how the ways we invest the time, talents and treasures entrusted to us, if invested wisely, will lead to a heart of gratitude and thanksgiving. On a scale of 1-10 this week, how high is your gratitude meter reading? Do you think it will change as you approach Thanksgiving Day? Share your thoughts and experiences with Pastor Dave in the comments of the "Hello" card at [www.myGrace.church](http://www.myGrace.church)!

## PRAYERS FOR MY TIME WITH GOD: Those Grieving the Loss of a Loved One

*Pray for GriefShare and those in our community who are grieving the loss of a loved one. May God fill them with joy, peace, and hope by the power of the Holy Spirit and may they find comfort and strength in Him when they are hurting. Amen.*