

A Sound Investment

Matthew 6:19-24 | March 15, 2026

Sermon Overview

In this message, Jesus uses four vivid metaphors -- Treasures, Lamps, Masters, and Mammon - - to challenge his followers to examine where they have placed their deepest trust and allegiance. The sermon isn't simply a lesson about money; it's about what we truly value. Jesus doesn't condemn wealth or possessions, but warns against the "ruinous preoccupation" with accumulating them. The central question posed is: Do you possess your treasure, or does it possess you?

Discussion Questions

Question 1 -- Treasures That Last

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth... but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven." -- Matthew 6:19-20

The sermon described how moths, vermin, and thieves represent the fragility of earthly wealth -- things we count on can disappear overnight. Heavenly treasures come from "belonging to and living by the priorities of the kingdom of heaven." What do you think that looks like in practical, everyday life? Can you think of an example -- from your own life or someone you know -- of a person who seemed genuinely rich toward God?

Question 2 -- Where Your Heart Follows

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." -- Matthew 6:21

Jesus says our hearts tend to follow what we invest in. What are you currently most invested in? What does that investment reveal about where your heart actually is right now?

Question 3 -- The Eye as a Lamp

"The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light." -- Matthew 6:22

The eye is a window (letting light in) and a flashlight (shining light outward). The idea is that a generous, healthy soul sees opportunities to give and serve that a stingy person simply cannot see. What needs around you are you currently seeing -- or perhaps missing -- that your resources might help address?

Question 4 -- The Cost of Darkness

"But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness." --
Matthew 6:23

The sermon described the "dark eye" as one that hoards for self. Where do you feel the pull toward accumulation or self-protection most strongly in your own life? What fears tend to drive that pull?

Question 5 -- One Master

"No one can serve two masters... You cannot serve both God and money." --
Matthew 6:24

The sermon noted that the word "Mammon" means trust or reliance. Mammon isn't just money; it's whatever we ultimately rely on for security. When have you experienced a moment where kingdom values and financial values came into direct conflict? How did you respond, and what did you learn from it?

Question 6 -- Who Possesses you?

"Do you possess treasure, or does it possess you?" -- Sermon

It's easy to commit our resources to God in theory and hold them back in practice. The sermon also affirmed that generosity leads to a richer, fuller life than holding back ever could. What is one specific and concrete step you could take this week to loosen your grip on something you've been holding back from God or others?