



## Chapter 6:19-24

Matt. 6:19 “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal;

Matt. 6:20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

Matt. 6:21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matt. 6:22 “The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light.

Matt. 6:23 But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

Matt. 6:24 “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.

## Background

“Mammon” is of Aramaic origin and means to have confidence in one’s wealth or possessions (ex. the rich man in Jesus’ parable in Luke 12:16-21). As used by Jesus in our text mammon is personified to represent a false god who supposedly blesses those who worship him with material wealth.

## Observations & Discussion

1. What did Jesus mean when He told us to store up our treasures in Heaven—how do we do that? Provide a scripture to support your thoughts.

2. With regard to vs. 19-21 do you think that Jesus is telling us that we cannot have nice things? What is He telling us?

3. Vs. 22 & 23 can be a bit confusing! But, notice that these two verses are sandwiched between Jesus' comments about wealth (vs. 19-21 & vs. 24.) With that in mind what do you think Jesus is talking about in vs. 22 & 23?

4. Check out 1Tim. 6:5-11: what does Paul warn us to beware of? What does he tell Timothy and us to pursue?

5. Compare vs. 24 with Luke 16:13-14. Why can't we serve both God and mammon? Can you think of an example from scripture where a person chose wealth over Jesus?

6. How can you discern whether **you** are serving God or mammon?