MESSAGE NOTES

Different: How The Church Lives – Part 9

***Real Treasure***

**Matthew 6:19-24**

Advent and Christmas are seasons when we celebrate the gift of Jesus and God’s Grace, Forgiveness, and Salvation. It is also a season in which we model Jesus and give gifts to others. Last week and again today, we are looking at parts of the Sermon on The Mount which speak about this to us. They speak about our giving, and how what we do with our money and possessions is an indicator of what we value or treasure in life.

Getting the relationship right that we have with both God and money is an important task for us if we are going to be good stewards of what God gives us and blesses us with in life. And what Jesus says about it here in the Sermon on the Mount is absolutely countercultural. He is getting in the face of American Christians as he tells us how to be different from our culture and get it right when it comes to money, so we can enjoy eternal happiness with him forever.

Jesus is saying a few things to us that are really important for us to hear. The first is that:

#### We must have the right storehouse

If we're going to get it right when it comes to our money, we've got to have the right storehouse. Is our storehouse going to be on earth, or is it going to be in heaven?

**Matthew 6:19-20: 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.

**We must have the right heart.**

What we consistently do with our “treasure” always reveals the condition of our heart..

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

**We must have the right perspective**

How I “see” will affect the entire trajectory of my life.

**Matthew 6:22-23: 22**“Your eye is like a lamp that provides light for your body. When your eye is healthy, your whole body is filled with light. **23**But when your eye is unhealthy, your whole body is filled with darkness. And if the light you think you have is actually darkness, how deep that darkness is!

#### We must have the right sovereign

Will money or God be sovereign in our life?

**Matthew 6:24:** "No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money."

Jesus expressly states the impossibility of dual lordship in our life.

You and I might have dual citizenship (here on earth and in heaven as a follower of Jesus), but we can never have dual lordship. There's only room in our heart for one. Is it going to be God, or is it going to be money?