

## Adult Impact Study Sheet

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If possible, read **Matthew 6:19-24** from several translations.

For additional insight go to [www.studylight.org](http://www.studylight.org) and [www.gotquestions.org](http://www.gotquestions.org).

1. Our passage speaks about what we are devoted to, i.e., our treasures. “We are accustomed to dividing life into the ‘spiritual’ and the ‘material;’ but Jesus made no such division. In many of His parables, He made it clear that a right attitude toward wealth is a mark of true spirituality (see Luke 12:13-21).<sup>1</sup>” Be prepared to discuss this.
2. Do you think the Pharisees had any idea what it would mean to store up treasures in heaven? Why do you think that?
3. Read verses 19 and 20 and consider this: “Storing up treasures in heaven is not limited to tithing but is accomplished by all acts of obedience to God.”<sup>2</sup> Expand on that.
4. What does Jesus mean when He says in verse 21, “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Would it be accurate to say, “One’s heart truly belongs to what it most treasures”?  
(“*For where your treasure is, there your heart [your wishes, your desires; that on which your life centers] will be also.*” AMP)

5. Read verses 22 and 23. “In Jewish writings, a good eye represented a generous attitude and a bad eye a stingy, miserly attitude.”<sup>3</sup> Why do you think the eye is used for this illustration?

In verse 23 we can also think of the unhealthy eye and darkness representing blindness. Blind to what?

6. Read verse 24 and consider this thought. “It is not wrong to possess things, *but it is wrong for things to possess us.*”<sup>4</sup> (*Strong’s Concordance; Greek 3126 mammōnās – a Semitic term for “the treasure a person trusts in” (J. Thayer) which is transliterated as “mammon.”*)

<sup>1</sup> Warren Wiersbe, *The Wiersbe Bible Commentary NT*, 23

<sup>2</sup> *The Life Application Bible*, (Matthew 6:20)

<sup>3</sup> *CSB Study Bible*, 1510

<sup>4</sup> Warren Wiersbe, *The Wiersbe Bible Commentary NT*, 24

Next week: *Matthew 6:25-34*