

The Warning About Wealth and Materialism

Mathew 06:19–24

1. *A contrast:*

Between two kinds of riches

- a. Earthly riches
 - 1) Are not to be laid up
 - 2) Are corruptible
 - 3) Are insecure
- b. Heavenly riches
 - 1) Are to be laid up
 - 2) Are indestructible
 - 3) Are secure

2. *A warning:*

About two kinds of hearts

- a. A good heart: Like a good eye
 - 1) Focuses and sees
 - 2) Focuses on heaven, v. 20
- b. A bad heart: Like a bad eye
 - 1) Is blind and dark
 - 2) Focuses on the earth, v. 19

3. *A choice:*

Between two kinds of masters

- a. Will either hate the one
or love the other
- b. Will either cling to the one
or despise the other
- c. The choice:
Cannot serve God
and material things

19 “Do not store up for yourselves
treasures on earth,
where moth and rust destroy,
and where thieves break in and steal.

20 But store up for yourselves
treasures in heaven,
where moth and rust do not destroy,
and where thieves do not break in and steal.

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

22 “The eye is the lamp of the body.
If your eyes are good,
your whole body will be full of light.

23 But if your eyes are bad,
your whole body will be full of darkness.
If then the light within you is darkness,
how great is that darkness!

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.