

## **Sovereign Grace Church**

### **“Our Treasures” outline**

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#### **Matthew 6: 19-24**

*Do you have any treasure? What is it? Where do you keep it? Some people prefer savings accounts which earn interest over the years. Others purchase houses and land. A few hold hard currency for fear of uncontrolled inflation. Some prize gems and jewels. Some invest in higher education earning degrees which allow them to pursue professional endeavors. Others seek higher education just for the pleasure of being able to converse meaningfully with those in position of power and influence. Some people even invest heavily in the political process....despite the recurring disappointing results!*

*What all of these “treasures” have in common is that they are all tied to this earth....and they all fade away over time. They are very poor investments from an eternal perspective! So what kinds of investments should we pursue that will bear fruit eternally? Is Jesus or His Kingdom high on your list of priorities? Would someone be able to discern that He was by looking at the choices you make in your life? Which would seem to be the most practical: control of all worldly assets or a right relationship with God?*

#### **1. Our Treasures**

- **False Treasures v. 19**  
**Eccl 3:11; Lk 12: 13-21**
  
- **Real Treasures vv. 20-21**  
**Matt 6: 33; Deut 32: 9; Gal 6: 8-10**

#### **2. Our Lights vv 22-23**

- **Our eyes as lamps**

- **Good eyes → Light Light**
  
- **Bad eyes → Dark Light**  
**Matt 15L 12-14; I Jn 2: 9-11**

**3. Our Choice v. 24**  
**Lk 11: 23; 9: 49-50**

**Questions for Conversation and Discussion**

- 1. What are you tempted to treasure the most in this life? Have these “treasures” proven deficient? What are lessons you have learned about treasuring things that do not last or cannot be depended upon?**
- 2. Since we are to treasure things in heaven and not things on earth, does this mean we should not be careful or discerning with our possessions and money on earth? How does treasuring things in Heaven affect things we have on earth?**
- 3. What are signs that you may be putting too much emphasis on earthly treasures?**
- 4. What are ways that even Christians have been infected with the false world view of Materialism?**