



Treasure Hunt

Series: *The Sermon On The Mount*, #11

Text: Matthew 6:16-24

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Theme: **Heavenly treasure is the only true treasure.**

Fake Treasure #1: Being noticed by others.

1. The nature of fake fasting. (16-18 see also Luke 18:11-12)
2. The result of fake fasting. (16)

Fake Treasure #2: Storing up wealth on earth.

1. The nature of material treasures. (19; see also Proverbs 23:4-5)
2. The result of material treasures. (19, 21-24)

Real Treasure: Wealth from and in heaven.

1. The treasure from heaven through true fasting.
(17-18; see also Leviticus 16:29, 23:27; Acts 13:3, 14:23)
2. The treasure in heaven through investing in God's kingdom.
(20-24 see also 1 Timothy 6:17-19)

In My Life This Week

(As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.)

Monday. Fasting is not familiar to many Christians. Review any notes you made yesterday on fasting, and check some Biblical references to help you understand the role fasting can have for believers. Write out a summary and consider this discipline personally.

Tuesday. Material things are important. Jesus tells us we have two options in relating to them: either making them our treasure or using them to build heavenly treasure. Does your attitude and your use of material things serve God's purposes, or are you serving them?

Wednesday. Earthly treasures don't last, while heavenly ones do (6:19-20). Make a list of your material possessions (okay, you can start with the *most valuable* and stop after 10 minutes if not finished). After you thank God for them, look at the list again and remember that not one of them will last forever.

Thursday. Devotion to earthly treasures blinds you to reality while devotion to heavenly treasures opens your eyes to reality (6:22-23). In the final analysis, there is no fence-straddling in our attitude toward material things. Jesus tells us the bottom line is that you will serve one, and only one of the two—God or things (6:24). Do you know for certain where your treasure is?

Friday – Saturday. On Sunday we will look at 6:25-34 where Jesus speaks to us about worry or anxiety. Review and think through the verses in preparation for our time together.