

**LIVING UPRIGHT IN AN UPSIDE DOWN WORLD****#16 – TREASURE HUNT**

**Intro:** *What are you hunting for in life? What's important to you, that which you truly treasure? Jesus gives us timely advice on what to acquire in life's treasure hunt.*

*(Jesus said) "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."*  
Matthew 6:19-21

**I. Choose the Right Treasure in Your Hunt**

- ***We're \_\_\_\_\_ on a treasure hunt.*** The treasure we hunt for, gather up, and store in our lives is anything we highly value. We passionately focus our efforts on acquiring it. It can be money, but often is more than that.
- ***What's so rotten about earthly treasure?*** This treasure has \_\_\_\_\_ value in this world. It's temporary. It can be such things as money, career, power, fame, leisure (such as hobbies), and sensual pleasures (such as sex). Even family can be treasured too much.
- ***The Problem*** – 1) It can be stolen: We can lose it, often \_\_\_\_\_.  
2) It can rust or rot: It doesn't hold its value to us, and has no value after we die.
- ***What's so great about kingdom (heavenly) treasure?*** This treasure is:
  - 1) "Here and now" kingdom \_\_\_\_\_: your purpose in life, protection by God, provision from God, partnership with God, and guidance from God.
  - 2) Eternal life and heavenly reward when we die. No one can steal this from us, and kingdom treasure value is eternal.
- ***Take the true treasure reality check:*** Your true treasure is where your " \_\_\_\_\_ " is, not what you say. Your heart is your life focus, passion and purpose evidenced by your priorities, attitude, and action.

*(Jesus said) "The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are good, your whole body will be full of light. 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."*  
Matthew 6:22-23

**II. Check Your Spiritual "Eyesight" For the Hunt**

- ***Develop spiritual "20/20 vision" to focus on God's \_\_\_\_\_ for your life.*** Good physical eyes bring the light of physical reality into your life. Good spiritual vision allows us to see the light of God's reality for your life. What is God's light? (1) Connecting to Jesus as Savior and Lord (John 8:12); (2) God's will and truth (John 3:21); (3) Seeing the world through God's eyes (Christian worldview).

- **How can we develop spiritual 20/20 vision?**

- 1) Focus on \_\_\_\_\_, and His will through Christ.
- 2) Avoid focus on earthly (world) treasures.

- **Remember: Spiritual blindness blocks God's light for your \_\_\_\_\_.** Anything that is not of God, or diverts you from a God focus causes spiritual blindness. This causes the darkness of being separated from God, causing defeat, disappointment, depression, and the consequences of sin in our lives.

*(Jesus said) "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." Matthew 6:24*

### **III. Choose the Right Master for Your Hunt**

- **Two Masters Won't Work for \_\_\_\_\_** – You will eventually love the one that seems to offer much, without requiring much from you. You will resent the one who has high expectations from you and delays gratification.
- **The Wealth Master Offers the \_\_\_\_\_ of Cheap Thrills and Happiness** from such things as: 1) money, 2) stuff you buy with money, 3) power and fame, 4) pleasure and leisure, 5) sensual pleasures. They thrill, but don't ultimately satisfy.
- **God as Master Offers the \_\_\_\_\_ of:** 1) all the necessities for your life, 2) partnership with Him, 3) the abundant, eternal life, 4) purpose in life. These satisfy.
- **Decision Time: Who are you going to \_\_\_\_\_?** Wealth or God?

***Will you choose the right kingdom for your hunt?***

***Will you develop spiritual 20/20 vision?***

***Will you choose God for your master?***

**Answers:** I. All; only; unfairly; blessing; heart. II. Light; God; life. III. You; illusion; reality; serve.