

Where Is Your Treasure?

Actual Jesus (Gospel of Matthew) – Part 63

Matthew 6:19-21
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¹ “Now, take heed as to your righteousness, not to be doing before men so as to be noticed by them; otherwise you do not have reward with your Father who is in the heavens.

² “Therefore, whenever you do an act of mercy, do not sound a trumpet before you, even as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the lanes, so that they may be glorified by men. Amen, I say to you: they fully have their reward.

...⁵ “And whenever you pray, you are not to be as the hypocrites; because they are fond, in the synagogues and in the corners of the broad streets, of standing to pray, so that they may make an appearance to men. Amen, I say to you: they fully have their reward.

(Matthew 6:1-2, 5, 16, 19-21)

...¹⁶ “Now, whenever you fast, do not become — as the hypocrites — sullen. For they make their faces unrecognizable so that they may be recognized by men *as* fasting. Amen, I say to you, they fully have their reward....

¹⁹ “Do not treasure¹ up for yourselves treasures upon the earth, where moth-larvae and decay² make unrecognizable,³ and where thieves dig through and steal. ²⁰ But treasure up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth-larvae nor decay⁴ make unrecognizable,⁵ and where thieves do not dig through nor steal. ²¹ For where is your treasure, there will be also your heart.

Pastor Phillips' ad hoc translation)

Introduction: Looking behind, looking ahead

1. Pieties assayed (vv. 1-18)
2. Pivot: heavenward heart (vv. 19-21)

I. Prohibition: E_____ Focus (v. 19)

A. D_____

B. D_____

1. ...of _____
 - a. The items
 - b. Their _____
2. ...of _____
3. So the whole problem is...

C. In Sum:

¹ Or *Stop treasuring*.

² Literally *eating*.

³ Or *cause to disappear*; same verb as v. 16.

⁴ See note, v. 19.

⁵ See note, v. 19.

II. Exhortation: E_____ Focus (v. 20a)

A. Take _____:

1. What this *isn't*:

2. What this *is*:

3. Notice where Christ points us: to _____

B. Take _____:

1. What to *turn from*:

2. What to *turn to*:

3. How-to do it:
 - a. In principle: Matthew ____:44

 - b. In practice: Colossians ____

III. Motivation: E_____ing Treasures (vv. 20b-21)

A. Heavenly Treasures Are Un_____ing

B. Heavenly Treasures Are Un_____ing