



Series: Unexpected Messiah

Passage Mathew 6:19-34

Title: Four Behaviors Harming Your Life – Part 1

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Discussion Starter –In the first sections of the Sermon on the Mount we learned that God is most concerned about the condition of our hearts. How might an over reliance on material possessions and abilities effect the condition of our hearts? Why is there a tension between reliance on these things and a reliance on Jesus? How do we come up with a correct balance between these two things?

Having Wrong Treasure (verses 6:19-24)

- Why do we value money so highly? What conclusions about money and wealth may cause damage to our heart and character?
- Valuing money too highly can lead to character issues. What are examples of other things that, on the surface that seem healthy, but might result in treasure on earth and not heaven? Can healthy activities lead to an unhealthy heart? Under what conditions might this happen?
- Jesus said, “The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness”. How might having a “bad eye” point to problems with your heart. How might having a bad eye derail the character traits described in the Beatitudes?
- Pastor David said that our treasure controls our hearts and our heart controls our eyes. How might valuing the wrong treasure effect our relationship with Jesus?

Worrying (Verses 6:25-32)

- Contrast worrying and faith? Are they mutually exclusive? Is worrying a sin?
- Do you think that having material wealth will reduce or eliminate worrying? Do you think that friends with fewer material possessions than you worry more than you? What about in our current pandemic and economic situation? Does this change things for people who have less?
- These verses command us not to worry about basic necessities (food and clothes). Does this imply that God will provide for our basic physical needs without our participation? Will worrying help provide basic necessities?
- What is the downside of worrying? Is there and upside to worrying?

The Solution (Verses 6:23-34)

- How can we practically seek out the Kingdom of God? What is the Kingdom of God?
- What does Jesus mean when he commands that we “seek his righteousness”? Which righteousness do you seek when you are worried or seeking wealth? How is this related to your eyes and heart?