

**FAMILY LESSONS ON
THE TREASURE OF HEAVEN**

Based on Matthew 6:24

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LESSON #4

TWO TREASURES

“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 (NIV84)

When it's time to get up in the morning, I am confronted with my first choice of the day, "Should I get up or sleep in?" The truth is, I get up, because there is something I treasure more than sleep. Choices can be difficult when we have to choose between two things we want. Life is full of such choices. "Should I follow the rules, or do my own thing?" "Should I say what I'm thinking, or hold my tongue?" "Should I finish my homework or go watch TV?" The Bible says that we make these choices based on what we value, what we treasure. Jesus said that the things we treasure will show us where our heart is (Luke 12:34).

We often do hard things rather than easy things because we treasure one more than another. Jesus said that we should treasure the things that last and can never be taken from us rather than things that don't last and can be lost. We will always be confronted by two kinds of treasure, and they will both call to us so long as we live on this earth. One is the treasure of this world, the created things that surround us, which we can only possess for a short time. The other is the treasure of heaven that extends beyond this world into the next life, our relationship with the Creator himself. Only one treasure will last forever and can never be destroyed, lost or stolen. Only one will fulfill its promise to fully satisfy us. Only one is the treasure we were made for (1 Peter 1:3-4; John 6:35; Hebrews 13: 5; Genesis 1:27).

What did Jesus mean when he said, "Sell your possessions and give to the poor"? What did Jesus mean when he talked about purses or money belts that never wear out (Luke 12:32-34)?

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