

Matthew 6:21

Setting our heart on things above

“For where your treasure is there will your heart be also.”

Our heart is one of the most challenging things to get under control. In fact, without God's direct help I would say its quite impossible. Our hearts are forever seeking something or someone to fill their desire and hope, indeed there is nothing harder to deal with then a heart that fails to attain that which it seeks. It doesn't have a right and wrong restraint, it just simply fixes itself on the object of its affection and won't let go. Thus making whatever it is to be our greatest treasure.

There is only one thing capable of truly satisfying it's great ability to desire and love and that is the hidden depths of the heart of our Heavenly Father. He is a desire that grows the deeper you go and gets stronger and more satisfying the longer you seek Him.

It's scary to think about the weight Jesus always places on where that treasure is. He tells us that we will end up wherever it is and if it's here on earth it will not be in heaven and vise versa. This is why He tries to tell us these things so plainly.

So what do we do with the reality that we are continually dealing with old or new temptations that try to reestablish our treasure here on earth? The Devil never sleeps therefore his tempting never does either. Why do people who try to sell something go to someone who specializes in advertising? It's because that person has made a study of human nature and buying habits and has learned how to capture men's hearts which will then cause the product to sell well. So it's not by chance that when you go to the store or the mall that you will find that you and your money are soon parted. Those guys know their job. The Devil is trying to part you from your heavenly treasure continually and not with things that don't appeal to you! He entices you with only the things that catch you personally. - He's done his homework and knows you well.

So we must not be surprised that we are continually dealing with desires that are so strong that we cannot overcome them without God's help. The Devil has picked these things on purpose. The only cure is to spend more time with God so that our hearts and minds are brought back to Him and our head is given a chance to clear from the fog of our adversaries deceptions. The truth is, the treasure of earth is passing away and if we love these things we will pass away with them. So let us be wise as serpents and innocent as doves knowing that our adversary is cunning and is enticing us with plastic gems while the real ones are awaiting us in heaven. Let us not let go of the real treasure for the fake. One is eternal - the other passing away.

Let us uphold one another and keep seeking the things above where Christ is seated at the right hand of the Father!

God bless you all!

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