



Loving God with
Our Strength
Message 6

Bryan Jones
May 21, 2023

► Outline

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Matthew 6:21 (NIV)

1. Introduction

(Genesis 1:31; Deuteronomy 6:4-5; Matthew 6:19-20)

2. Treasure = _____ waiting to happen.

(Matthew 6:20)

3. What you treasure your _____ will follow.
(Matthew 6:21)

4. 3 ways to approach money:

(Matthew 6:22-25; Luke 21:1-4; Revelation 1:5)

- What's mine is mine = _____.
- What's yours is mine = _____.
- What's mine is God's = _____.

5. Loving God with your strength means you're

taking a step with your _____.

- Nothing to _____.
- Something to _____.
- Specific to _____.
- Tithe to _____.

Answers: 2. junk 3. heart 4. selfishness, stealing, stewardship 5. giving, Something, Specific, Tithe, Spirit Led

Resource Information: Scripture quotations marked (NLT) are taken from the *Holy Bible*, New Living Translation, copyright © 1996, 2004, 2015 by Tyndale House Foundation. Used by permission of Tyndale House Publishers, a Division of Tyndale House Ministries, Carol Stream, Illinois 60188. All rights reserved. C/R refers to a 'cross reference.' Today's outline and discussion guide are available through the Brookwood Church app.

► Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus. To connect with others, visit brookwoodchurch.org/adults.

Conversation Starter

What did your parents teach you about money? What were their practices and attitudes about giving to God?

Prayer

Spend a few minutes slowing down. Allow enough time for your mind to stop racing and your heart to experience a sense of calm. As you begin this week's study, ask God to reveal Himself to you in new and beautiful ways. Say yes in your spirit to all He has for you.

Bible Study and Group Discussion

Read Matthew 6:19-24.

1. Jesus contrasts earthly treasures with heavenly treasures. What's the difference? Name some examples of each.
2. What does it mean that *the eye is the lamp of the body* (vs. 22-23)? What is Jesus trying to teach us?
3. How have money and possessions claimed your identity and devotion? What can you do to rid yourself of those dangerous attachments?
4. Have you ever given money to the church from a place of guilt or to try to make God happy with you? Explain. What's a better motivation?
5. What joys and blessings have you experienced from giving money to the church or someone in need? Give an example.
6. Who is the most financially generous person you know? What's it like to be around them?
7. If everyone gave at Brookwood like you do, what would we experience together?

Read Matthew 6:25-34.

8. How does this passage describe God?
9. Compare vs. 19-24 with 25-34. How are discussions about money and worry related? For further insight, read Hebrews 13:5.
10. Describe a situation or season you worried about money. How did that impact your relationship with God and how you treated others?
11. How do your needs or the needs of your family fit into the concept of stewardship?
12. How is God's Spirit leading you to respond to this week's teaching?

Spiritual Practice

A spiritual practice is something we can do to help us live in and enjoy God's grace. Our hope is that these would become a regular part of your life, so that walking and talking with God is the most natural thing you do.

Identify two practical ways to help shift your focus to eternal things. Start by asking God to help you to see Him as your ultimate treasure and provider.

Memory Verse

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." **Matthew 6:21 (NIV)**

Daily Reading

- | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Day 1: 1 Timothy 6:17-19 | Day 4: Matthew 19:6-26 |
| Day 2: Exodus 35:4-29 | Day 5: Psalm 24:1-2 |
| Day 3: Luke 21:34-36 | |

Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, May 28, we'll continue the series *Love God · Love People*. To prepare, read **1 Corinthians 13:4-5**.



580 Brookwood Point Place • Simpsonville SC 29681
864.688.8200 • brookwoodchurch.org