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Topic: **Sermon On The Mount (Part 7): The Christian and his Possessions**

Scripture Text: Matthew 6:19-24

1. The important question to ask ourselves is whether our possessions own us or we own our possessions. In Matthew 6:19-23 the Lord Jesus wants His children to have the right perspective for the possessions we already possess. Then in v.25-34, Jesus deals with the possessions we hope to possess. In between is the key verse in v.24 that we cannot serve 2 Masters.
2. From v.19-20, it is about finding our treasures. Jesus told us to stop treasuring for ourselves treasures on earth. Earthly treasures will decline in value and it can be stolen. If we find our treasures on earth, then our treasures will own us.
3. Jesus told us to lay up treasures in Heaven. We can only lay up treasures in Heaven while living on this earth. First, we must believe and trust in Jesus as our Saviour. Then everything we do must be constraint by the love of Christ and for His glory. This is what the Bible means in 1 Cor 3:11-15 that our works are gold, silver and precious stones. However if we do any works for pride and self-glory, then it will be wood, hay and stubble which will be burnt away in the day of judgment.
4. In v.21-23, it is about determining our treasures. Where our heart is, there will be our treasures. Only we know and God knows where is our treasure today - on earth or heaven. The eye in us will reveal the heart's condition. If our eye is focused on Christ, then our lives can have an impact on others to show them Christ's love.
5. In v.24, Jesus clearly tells us we cannot serve 2 Masters. It is either God or the world. We must only serve God and obey Him.