



Dig Deeper Study Guide

Stroudsburg United Methodist Church - November 4, 2012

Sermon

Are You Bearing Fruit for
Jesus:

"Harvest Sunday"

Matthew 6:19-24,33

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Things I want to remember
about this sermon...

Monday 11/5/12

Matthew 6:19

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on the earth. Are any of you like me--a pack rat? I guess I learned this from my grandmother and my father. You just never know how something might be useful in the future, so I tend not to throw anything away! The problem with laying up treasures on earth is that these things are affected by the elements and they will either eventually rust or be eaten by moths. Or, thieves might come to steal our prized possessions. Jesus advises us not to keep so many treasures on earth.

Tuesday 11/6/12

Matthew 6:20

Alternatively, Jesus tells us to lay up treasures in heaven. What does it mean to lay up treasures in heaven? What do these long-lasting treasures look like? Can you list such treasures? What treasures can last for all of eternity? What do you think Jesus is really saying here?

Wednesday 11/7/12

Matthew 6:21

This is a short verse and yet it is full of meaning. "Where you treasure is, there will your heart be also." What does this verse mean to you? Can you identify where your treasure is? What is most important to you right now? Is it money, happiness, career, fame, or family? Quietly sit and choose one place where your treasure is. Name it and be honest. Now, is this the same place you want your heart to be also? If so, then good for you. If not, then you might need to rearrange your priorities. Many people have many things they want, but when they finally get them all they still find themselves to be empty. What is most important to you right now?



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Things to do this week in response to the sermon...

Make a list of treasures you can store up in heaven.

What is the most important treasure you want right now?

How are you dealing with evil and temptation in your life?

What master are your serving?

Thursday 11/8/12
Matthew 6:22

This verse is not all that easy to comprehend or understand. There is a bit of ambiguity in this verse due to the interpretation of one word. "The eye is the lamp of the body..." well, that makes sense. No problem so far. "If then your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light." That word "healthy" is not the same word used in all translations of the Bible. Some use the word "true" and some use the word "single." So how are we to understand this verse? Is it a healthy eye, a true eye, or a single eye that makes the whole body be full of light? What do you think?

Friday 11/9/12
Matthew 6:23

Jesus talks about evil. If your eye is evil than your whole body will be full of evil. Did you ever receive the evil eye? One look can say a lot! Keeping our eyes from focusing on evil things is also important. "Be careful little eyes what you see!" Bad and evil things we see with our eye can ruin our entire lives. Are you being careful what you're looking at?

Saturday 11/10/12
Matthew 6:24 & 33

We cannot serve two masters. Plain and simple. The problem is that there are many competing factors which compete for our allegiance. Which master do you serve? Some feel the need to work every possible hour of the day; staying long after everyone else leaves the workplace. Some give their allegiance to a sports team. Still others commit their allegiance to obtaining as many "toys" in this life as possible! Where are you giving your allegiance today?