

Session 4 – Who Are You Really Living For?

Matthew 6:19–24

Understanding what Jesus
teaches about **treasure, loyalty,**
and the true master of our lives.



A Question of Loyalty

Every person lives for something.

Some people pursue:

- success
- security
- approval
- comfort
- wealth

Others pursue:

- faith
- purpose
- calling
- relationship with God

Jesus teaches that what we value most will shape the direction of our lives.



Where Is Your Treasure?

19 “Don’t store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. 21 Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.

Matthew 6:19-21

Jesus reveals a powerful truth:

Our treasure reveals our priorities.

What we value most will always capture our hearts.



The Direction of the Heart

Treasure and heart are connected.

If our treasure is:

- wealth
- recognition
- comfort

then our hearts will move toward those things.

But when our treasure is God and His Kingdom, our hearts begin to move in a different direction.



The Eye as a Lamp

22 “Your eye is like a lamp that provides light for your body. When your eye is healthy, your whole body is filled with light. 23 But when your eye is unhealthy, your whole body is filled with darkness. And if the light you think you have is actually darkness, how deep that darkness is!”

Matthew 6:22-23

Jesus is speaking about **focus and perspective**.

- If our vision is clear, our lives move toward light.
- If our vision becomes clouded by selfish desires, our lives move toward darkness.

What we focus on shapes who we become.



The Problem of Divided Loyalty

Jesus now addresses the deeper issue:

Divided allegiance.

Human beings often try to serve multiple masters.

We attempt to pursue:

God and

Wealth or

Security or

Status.

But Jesus says this is impossible.



Two Masters

24 “No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money.”

Matthew 6:24

For you will:

- hate one and love the other
- be devoted to one and despise the other

“You cannot serve both God and money.”

Jesus is describing a conflict of **ultimate loyalty**.



What Jesus Means by “Money”

The word used here is **Mammon**. It refers to:

- wealth
- material security
- the power that money represents.

Jesus is not condemning money itself.

He is warning about allowing wealth to become our master.

Paul reminds us of this in 1 Timothy 6:10, “For the LOVE OF MONEY is the root of all evil.”



The Real Issue

The real issue is not possessions.

The issue is **what rules our hearts.**

Anything that becomes the ultimate focus of our lives can become a **master.**

Jesus invites His followers to live with **undivided loyalty to God.**



What Happens When God Is Our Treasure

When God becomes our treasure:

- our priorities change
- generosity grows
- fear begins to lose its power
- trust begins to replace anxiety

Our lives begin to align with the values of God's Kingdom.



Key Insight

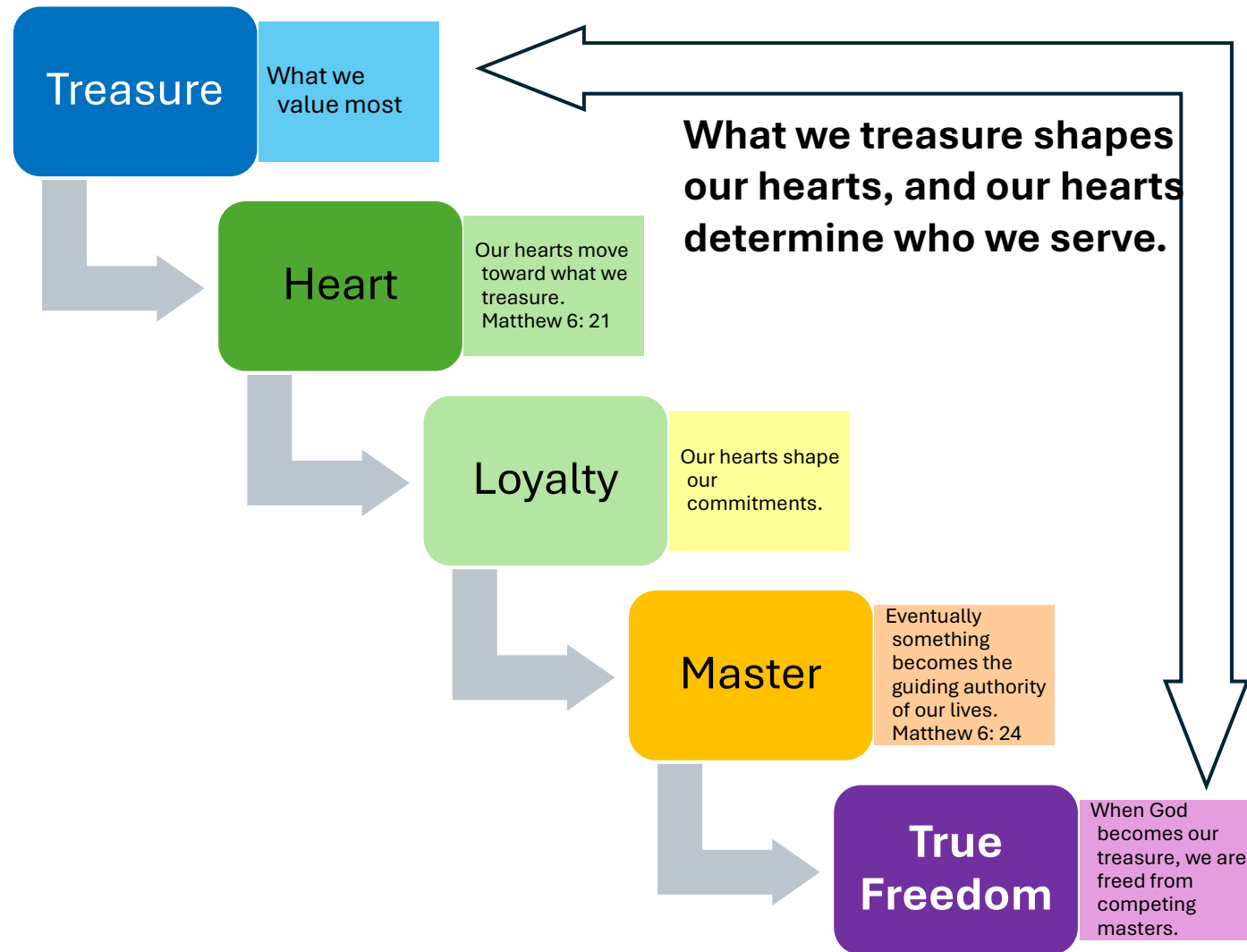
In the Kingdom of God:

What we treasure determines who we serve.

The *direction of our hearts* reveals the true master of our lives.



Treasure → Heart → Master



A Question for the Heart

Jesus is not simply teaching about money.

He is asking a deeper question:

What is truly guiding your life?



Where Jesus Goes Next

After teaching about treasure and loyalty, Jesus addresses another struggle connected to this issue:

Anxiety

Matthew 6:25–34 explores:

- worry
- security
- trusting God for daily provision.



Reflection Questions

1. What are some things people today treat as their “treasure”?
2. Why do you think Jesus connects treasure and the heart?
3. What does it mean to serve God with undivided loyalty?
4. How can we begin aligning our priorities with God's Kingdom?



Key Takeaway

- Jesus teaches that life is shaped by what we value most.
 - If wealth, status, or security become our treasure, they will begin to rule our lives.
 - But when God becomes our treasure, our hearts are set free to live with **purpose, generosity, and trust.**

