Treasures That Last

(Matthew 16:19 – 24)

• If you die with the most “toys”, you don’t win. (19-21)
  ◦ Material treasures: They rust, rot, fade deteriorate, are temporal and can be stolen. (John 10:10)
  ◦ Spiritual treasures: They keep their luster, hold their value and transcend time. (1 Corinthians 3:10 – 14) They can’t be stolen. (John 10:28)

• One of the best “spiritual treasures” you can cultivate is a Christian legacy. Your life should speak volumes for the Kingdom of God land after you have left this earth. (Deuteronomy 6:4 - 9)

• The eye is the window to the soul. (22-23)
  ◦ Roman philosopher Cicero once said, “The face is a picture of the mind as the eyes are its interpreter.” You can tell a lot about a person by looking into their eyes.
  ◦ The eye is a tremendous asset. We need to guard it, protect it and expose it to good, not darkness.
  ◦ Do not fix your eyes on the world, (1John 2:15-16), but fix your eyes on Jesus. (Hebrews 12:2)
  ◦ The seriousness of keeping a pure line of vision is clear. (Matthew 5:27-29)

• Money (a.k.a.”Mammon”) (24)
  ◦ Mammon - a Syriac word that signifies gain. (Luke 12:15-21)
  ◦ “Whatever is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life, is mammon.” Matthew Henry.
  ◦ “If we don’t find Christ of supreme value, if he is not our supreme satisfaction something else will be.” John Piper.