
Series: Counting the Cost The Cost of Indecision

Matthew 6:19-24 (NIV)

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

²²"The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are good, your whole body will be full of light. ²³But if your eyes are bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!"

²⁴"No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money."

1. STORING UP THINGS HERE PRODUCES A TEMPORARY ACCUMULATION. INVESTING IN HEAVEN RESULTS IN AN ETERNAL ENDOWMENT.

vv. 19, 20 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth... But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven"

- We have to ask ourselves what we are working for.

James 5:1-3 (NIV)

Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming upon you. ²Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. ³Your gold and silver are corroded... You have hoarded wealth in the last days.

- Everything we will accumulate will disappear some day.

Proverbs 23:5 (NLT)

For riches can disappear as though they had the wings of a bird!

2. WHAT GETS OUR ATTENTION, USUALLY GETS US.

v. 21 "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

- The enemy will do anything to distract us from our purpose.

1 Timothy 6:8-10 (CEV)

So we should be satisfied just to have food and clothes. ⁹People who want to be rich fall into all sorts of temptations and traps. They

are caught by foolish and harmful desires that drag them down and destroy them. ¹⁰The love of money causes all kinds of trouble. Some people want money so much that they have given up their faith and caused themselves a lot of pain.

- Money gets our attention quicker than anything else, but we must change that.

2 Corinthians 4:18 (TEV)

For we fix our attention, not on things that are seen, but on things that are unseen. What can be seen lasts only for a time, but what cannot be seen lasts forever.

3. WE MUST HAVE A VISION FOR SPIRITUAL THINGS.

vv. 22-23 "The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eyes are bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!"

When we are focused on the things of God, we can see:

- Material things for what they really are.
- The world from God's point of view.
- What God wants us to do.

4. WE HAVE TO DETERMINE WHERE OUR DEVOTION LIES.

v. 24 "No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money."

- What are you putting your hope in?

1 Timothy 6:17 (NIV)

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

- What could you do with your resources that would bring the most satisfaction and fulfillment?

Ecclesiastes 5:10 (CEV)

If you love money and wealth, you will never be satisfied with what you have. This doesn't make sense either.

**We cannot serve God and money at the same time.
We have to choose.**