

## SERMON – In God we T.R.U.S.T. What do we TREASURE?

### Matthew 6:19-24

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It means to treasure/to put a high value on/to set our hearts on the things of this world that often compete for the rightful place of God in our lives? ***"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."* – Matthew 6:21**

What is it that we treasure/give our hearts to/trust in that can never measure up to, or satisfy us, like God can? \_\_\_\_\_



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We break this commandment when we treasure created things at the expense of acknowledging, & responding to God, as our true & highest treasure... ***Romans 1:25 – "They worshipped & served created things rather than their creator!"***

This year's VBS theme "ARRRRR YOU SEEKING THE REAL TREASURE?" Listen to this definition of treasure... ***"Treasure is anything we seek/value above all else... and that which motivates us to action!"***

What is the treasure we seek, the little "gods" that we turn to/create rather than turning to, trusting in, & treasuring above all else the one true God?



Maybe it's "gold/money" that we trust in & treasure... How much does money have a hold on our hearts? How much is enough? What is the purpose of money? Whose money is it anyway?



Maybe it's "goods/possessions" that we trust in & treasure... How tempting is the accumulation of "stuff" for us? What's the source of our joy? Why do we often let our "stuff" define us?



Maybe it's our "goals" that we trust in & treasure... The "American Way" ... making something of ourselves... is our way of life... But what does it really mean to have lived the American dream? What is success?

Setting goals, and living a dream are not the problem... but what those goals are, and what dream you want to live, can be!



Maybe it's "golf/sports/recreation" that we trust in & treasure... How much of our time, resources, passion (& that of our children) is consumed in sports & recreation? There is a difference between what we can enjoy for pleasure, & something that has become for us our treasure!

Have these things become idols for us? Do we treasure them above God? What are some honest questions we can ask ourselves to reveal the truth?

It is easy to say we trust in God... but actions speak louder than our words! ***Luke 16:19-31 – Are we seeking the good things/treasures of this world, or those of the world to come?*** Who do you trust... What will you treasure?

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