

6:19-34

1. How does one store up for himself/herself treasures in heaven?
  2. The “heart” is the center of a person, including the mind, will and emotions. What do you think verse 21 means?
  3. Why do you think Jesus talked about bad eyes after talking about earthly vs. heavenly treasures?
  4. What are some behaviors or thought processes of a person who serves Money?
  5. Where is the line between working toward and “worrying about” providing for one’s daily needs?
- 6. Personal Sharing:** What would it look like in your life to “seek first his kingdom and his righteousness?” Are there specific things that would need to take a different spot on your priority list?

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7. How can we avoid judging a person, and still discern if that person is trustworthy with our “pearls?” What do you see as the difference between judgment and discernment?
8. The NIV study bible notes that in vs. 7-8, the words for *ask*, *seek*, and *knock* are in the present imperative form, indicating constant asking, seeking and knocking. In the gospel of Luke, this exhortation comes right after Jesus’ teaching of the Lord’s prayer and being persistent in prayer. Why do you suppose God wants us to be persistent in asking, seeking, and knocking, if, as Jesus said in 6:32, “[our] heavenly Father already knows” what we need?
9. What else does Jesus say about the gate that leads to life in John 10:7? Why is it so narrow?
10. According to Galatians 5:22, the fruit we should expect to see from a “good tree” is:
- 11. Personal Sharing:** How do we typically evaluate a person’s “goodness?” How might we be deceived by the “fruit” produced by a “bad tree?”
12. In vs. 21-23, what’s the difference between those who will enter the kingdom of heaven and those to whom God will say, “Away from me, you evildoers!”
13. What does it take to have built your house on the rock?
- 14. Personal Sharing:** When you consider that both houses in Jesus’ parable experience the battering of the storm, does it seem unfair? What’s the benefit of working at building on the rock?
15. In Jesus’ day, authority, called Mikvah, was bestowed on rabbis and teachers of the law by older, tested rabbis. How does Jesus’ authority, apparent to his listeners, differ from Mikvah?

**Sermon Notes**

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