



Community Bible Church
Sermon Discussion Questions: Sept 14/15 & 18
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Text: Matthew 6:19-24

Target: What defines you? What drives you? What describes you? For what defines you is where you find your identity.

1. **Kingdom Values:** *"But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."* Matthew 6:33

Quote: Generosity is not something we do, it's who we are.

- a. **Trinkets on Earth:** *Do not **lay up** for yourselves **treasures** on **earth**, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal (Vs. 19)*
 - i. **Not Worn:** "moth"
 - ii. **Not Used:** "rust"
 - iii. **Not Protected:** "where"

Question # 1: *What's one thing you own that you really value? How might your view of that item change if you thought about it in terms of being temporary versus eternal?*

Question # 2: *How do you try to show love for God and others in your daily life? Is there a specific area where you'd like to grow or do more?*

- b. **Treasure in Heaven:** *but **lay up** for yourselves **treasures** in **heaven**, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal (Vs. 20)*
 - i. **Loving God:**
 1. Imperishable Crown: 1 Cor. 9:24-25
 2. Crown of Rejoicing: 1 Thess. 2:19
 3. Crown of Righteousness: 2 Tim. 4:8
 4. Crown of Glory: 1 Peter 5:4
 5. Crown of Life: Rev. 2:10
 - ii. **Loving People:**
 1. Godly character: 1 Timothy 4:7-8
 2. Discipleship: Matthew 28:18-20
 3. Soul Winning: Proverbs 11:30
 4. Radical Generosity: Luke 6:38

2. **Kingdom Vision:** *"Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."* Luke 6:38

Quote: "Our lives move toward the place where we fix our eyes" Unknown.

- a. **Passion dictates Priorities:** *"For **where** your treasure is, **there** your heart will be also" (Vs. 21)*
- b. **Priorities drive our Pursuits:** *"The **eye** is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light." (Vs. 22)*
- c. **Pursuits decide our Path:** *"but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be **full of darkness**. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!" (Vs. 23)*
 - i. Wealth is more than Net Worth
 - ii. Wealth requires a Capital Perspective:
 1. Financial - Currency, Property, Possessions.
 2. Intellectual - Wisdom, Education, Experience.
 3. Relational - Friendships and Family.
 4. Physical - Holistic Health

5. Spiritual - Salvation and Discipleship.

Question # 3: What are you passionate about, and how do those passions show up in your daily priorities? Are there any changes you want to make to better align your priorities with your passions?

Question # 4: Can you share a time when your goals or ambitions significantly influenced your life's direction? How did it turn out, and what did you learn from it?

3. **Kingdom Vested:** "And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 4:19)

Quote: "You can give without loving, but you can never love without giving" Amy Carmichael

- a. **Undivided Loyalty:** "No one can **serve** two masters..." (Vs. 24a)
- b. **Unmatched Love:** "for either he will **hate** the one and **love** the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other." (Vs. 24b)
- c. **Unmatched Lifestyle:** "You **cannot** serve God and money" (Vs. 24c)
 - i. God can be Trusted: (Malachi 3:6-7)
 - ii. God can be Tested: (Malachi 3:7-10)
 - iii. You can be Triumphant: (Malachi 3:11-12)
 - iv.

Question # 5: Are there areas in your life where you find it challenging to stay loyal to your faith or values? How do you handle these challenges?

Question # 6: Share an experience where you had to trust God with something significant. How did it impact your faith and your sense of security?

Question # 7: What does true richness mean to you?

Takeaway: "Some people are so poor all they have is money" Bob Marley