

November 23, 2014 | Wawasee Community Bible Church | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Stephen James

PART 39: CHOOSE THE BEST

Sermon on the Mount: **PART 6** *Matthew 6:19-24*

CHOICE 1:

Matthew 6:19-20

Hoard <u>MATERIALISTIC</u> wealth OR Hoard <u>CHRIST-CENTERED</u> wealth

CHOICE 2:

Matthew 6:21-23

IDOLATRY Or Worship

CHOICE 3:

Matthew 6:24

Make <u>JESUS</u> your master OR Make <u>ANYTHING ELSE</u> your master



Read Matthew 6:19-24.

1. In verse 19 Jesus tells us not to store up treasures on earth. What are some treasures that we try to store up for ourselves?

2. Jesus then says in verse 20 to store up treasures in heaven. What are some of the treasures that await the faithful in heaven? (*Hint: The rewards that are promised throughout Scripture for faithful acts. Examples just from the Sermon on the Mount include the beatitudes in Matthew 5:3-10, and promises in Matthew 6:4, 6, 14, 18, and 33*).

3. Why are we tempted to store up treasures here even though Jesus tells us not to?

4. Matthew 6:21-23 tells us that the focus of our hearts determines the entire direction of our lives. Why do you think this is so? How have you seen this truth play out in your own life?

5. Our lives seem to be getting more busy and full of distractions (full schedules, media, etc.). Do these verses intend for us to develop strategies for focusing on God through our business and distractions, or do they intend for us to modify our lifestyles to devote more time to focusing on God and his kingdom?

6. Matthew 6:24 says a person can have only one master (i.e. one thing that motivates their life's direction, purpose, thoughts and passions). Why do you think we can have only one? Why does it seem attractive to have a master besides God? Can someone have a master besides God and not even know it?

7. How does someone choose to make God their master? What does it look like in a person's life when God is their master?

Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them 1:10 Community Groups (the "1:10" comes from Colossians 1:10). The questions here are based on the sermon each week, and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a 1:10 Group, let us know on the Connect Card in your bulletin.

PRAYER GUIDE

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 23, 2014

During your prayer time this week, let's all be praying together about the following items. Use the space at the bottom to record your personal prayer items, or requests from your 1:10 Group.

> **NOTE:** Due to the sensative nature of some items on the Prayer Guide, we do not publish it online. Email the church office to sign up for the email prayer list: office@wawaseebible.com

Personal Prayer Items