

IT'S NOT ABOUT THE MONEY

God Wants Your Heart

God, Jesus and the Bible have a lot to say about money, possessions and stewardship.

Bottom line is that God doesn't want your money - He wants your heart.

In the parables of the Hidden Treasure (Matt 13:44) and the Pearl of Great Value (Matt 13:45-46) it was easy to sell everything.

- The perceived value of what was gained was far greater than what was given up.

In the story of the Rich Young Man (Matt 19:16-26), he went away sorrowful when told to sell all he possessed.

- The perceived value of what was being given up was greater than what was being gained.

The question for us is not a matter of what we have - but what has us?

GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY

Matthew 13:44-46

⁴⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. ⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. ⁴⁶ When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

Matthew 19:16-26

¹⁶ Just then a man came up to Jesus and asked, “Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?” ¹⁷ “Why do you ask me about what is good?” Jesus replied. “There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life, keep the commandments.”

¹⁸ “Which ones?” he inquired. Jesus replied, “‘You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, 19 honor your father and mother,’ and ‘love your neighbor as yourself.’” ²⁰ “All these I have kept,” the young man said. “What do I still lack?” ²¹ Jesus answered, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” ²² When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth. ²³ Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly I tell you, it is hard for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of heaven. ²⁴ Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁵ When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished and asked, “Who then can be saved?” ²⁶ Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”