Rock Point Church

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BIG IDEA: The heart of the matter is a matter of the heart.

Matthew 6:19-27 (NLT)

19 “Don’t store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them
and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. 20
Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot
destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. 21 Wherever your
treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.

22 “Your eye is like a lamp that provides light for your body. When
your eye is healthy, your whole body is filled with light. 23 But when
your eye is unhealthy, your whole body is filled with darkness. And
if the light you think you have is actually darkness, how deep that
darkness is!

24 “No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love
the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You
cannot serve God and be enslaved to money.

25 “That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether
you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn’t
life more than food, and your body more than clothing? 26 Look at
the birds. They don’t plant or harvest or store food in barns, for
your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren’t you far more valuable

to him than they are? 27 Can all your worries add a single moment to your life?

Who has my heart?

American Expression: Controlled by money
Biblical Expression: Surrendered to God

Colossians 3:5 (NLT)

5 So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires. Don’t be greedy, for a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world.

Mark 10:17-27 (NLT)

17 As Jesus was starting out on his way to Jerusalem, a man came running up to him, knelt down, and asked, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

18 “Why do you call me good?” Jesus asked. “Only God is truly good. 19 But to answer your question, you know the commandments: ‘You must not murder. You must not commit adultery. You must not steal. You must not testify falsely. You must not cheat anyone. Honor your father and mother.’”

20 “Teacher,” the man replied, “I’ve obeyed all these commandments since I was young.”

21 Looking at the man, Jesus felt genuine love for him. “There is still one thing you haven’t done,” he told him. “Go and sell all your

possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

22 At this the man's face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions.

23 Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the Kingdom of God!" 24 This amazed them. But Jesus said again, "Dear children, it is very hard[f] to enter the Kingdom of God. 25 In fact, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God!"

26 The disciples were astounded. "Then who in the world can be saved?" they asked.

27 Jesus looked at them intently and said, "Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But not with God. Everything is possible with God."

Who has my trust?

Matthew 6:25-27 (NLT)

25 "That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn't life more than food, and your body more than clothing? 26 Look at the birds. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren't you far more valuable to him than they are? 27 Can all your worries add a single moment to your life?

American Expression: Depends on money
Biblical Expression: Trusts the Father

FALSE PROMISES OF MONEY

SECURITY: Enough means nothing bad will happen.

SATISFACTION: Just a little more.

FREEDOM: Enough means I'll be free.

HEART AUDIT

1. What do I FEAR losing?
2. What do I think I NEED to be okay?
3. What am I UNWILLING to surrender to follow Jesus?

GROUP QUESTIONS:

1. What stood out to you most in this week's message, and why?
2. Read Matthew 6:19-21. What makes earthly treasure so vulnerable, and how does your spending reflect where your heart is?
3. Why is money often considered the most acceptable idol in American church culture?
4. Read Exodus 20:2-6. How does knowing that God rescues first before forbidding idols change how you view His commands?
5. Read Mark 10:17-22. Talk about a time when you felt God calling you to surrender something that gave you security. How did you process that tension, and what did that experience reveal about your trust in Him?
6. Pastor Bill mentioned 3 false promises of money: security, satisfaction, and freedom. Which of these three promises do you find yourself most tempted to believe, and why?
7. Read Matthew 6:25-34. What does it look like practically to shift from depending on money to depending on the Father?

8. Of the three heart audit questions (What do I fear losing? What do I think I need to be okay? What am I unwilling to surrender to follow Jesus?), which one challenges you the most right now, and why?
9. What is one specific, tangible step you will take this week to practice trusting God instead of money?