

Matthew
You Gotta' Serve Somebody!
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I. Introduction

II. The ultimate insecurity (Matthew 6:19-21)

- A. Jesus continues his warning about seeking security **outside** of the kingdom by teaching about earthly treasures.
- B. Jesus is not warning against investing or having treasures, he is warning us about being **foolish**.
1. If we want to gain security in an insecure world then we should not invest in what is inherently **insecure**!
 - It is not a smart strategy to find security in things that cannot be held intact.
- C. But the real danger lies in the fact that these things can **capture** our hearts!
1. If anything becomes everything...it is an earthly treasure and our hearts will **follow** it!

III. Protect the heart, not the treasure! (Matthew 6:22-23)

- A. If we are going to keep anything safe, it should be our hearts!
- B. It is so easy in our culture for our eyes to go bad...
1. Our culture holds our gaze and before long our minds and hearts are captured.
 2. We begin to believe that when we get more treasure...
 - ...we will be **happy**!
 - ...we will be **important**!
 - ...we will be **secure**!
- C. Our heart is captured, we are spinning and our vision is cloudy...
1. A grasping spirit, encouraged by a bad eye clouds and distorts our vision of life and we miss the kingdom!

IV. Security or schizophrenia? (Matthew 6:24)

- A. We cannot help but **serve** our treasures.
1. Jesus offered the lucky bums the option of security over schizophrenia!
 - But they will have to choose one over the other!
- B. It is not uncommon for people to think that they can serve two masters.
1. Jesus tells us that we cannot have two ultimate **goals** or points of reference.

V. Conclusion