

CGYG Retreat 2004
Where your treasure is...

Saturday evening session - The Gaze of the Soul

Read Matthew 6:19-24

-What are the 3 choices that each person is faced with in these verses?

-How do these 3 choices relate to each other?

-What does it mean to have “good” eyes or “bad” eyes? (cf. 2 Cor. 4:16-18, Hebrews 12:1-3, Ecclesiastes 4:7-8)

-What effect do “good eyes” have on a person? (v.22; you might also want to consider 2 Cor. 4:16-18, Heb 12:1-3, Ephesians 1:18, and Heb. 11:24-27) What impact do “bad eyes” have? (v.23; cf. Eccl. 4:7-8, Mark 10:17-25, John 3:19)

-How do the things we treasure (v.19-21) and the things on which we fix our gaze (v.22-23) indicate which master we serve (v.24)?

-Why is it impossible to serve both God and Mammon (or Money, in the NIV)?

-What warning is given to those who think they can serve both? (v.23-24)

Go back to the list of things you do during the week (from this morning's session).

-Evaluate each item in light of the 3 choices given in Matthew 6:19-24 (e.g. does it store up treasures in heaven, or just on earth? does it fix your eyes on Jesus, or on something else? is the time spent for God, or someone/something else? etc.)

-For each item on your list, how can you make the time count for eternity? (e.g. how can you store up treasure in heaven while sitting in your classes? or how can you fix your eyes on Jesus Christ while you're working at your accounting job? or how can you serve God in your dating relationship or in your family life?)

-Are there any items on your list that blur your vision or confuse your loyalties? What do you think you should do about these?