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Series: The Resurrections

The Resurrections (48)

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[\(1 Corinthians 3:10-17\)](#)

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[Matthew 28:1-10](#)

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The Doctrine of the Resurrections

[\(1 Corinthians 3:10-17\)](#)

The judgment of the works of the believers (13)

4. [\(1 Corinthians 3:12\) Church— Teachers, False: there is the structure: It can be built out of two possible materials: either permanent or perishable materials.](#)

1 Corinthians 3:12 (NASB)

¹²Now if any man builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, **wood, hay, straw.**

2. There are the perishable and combustible materials. They are the materials and things of this earth that are corruptible; that rust, decay, and deteriorate. Scripture says they can be compared to wood, hay, and stubble.

What are the perishable materials? Again, Scripture describes them in many ways.

- a. They are the treasures, wealth, and cares of this world. ([Matthew 6:19-21](#); [Mark 4:19](#))

Now some people go to church and they say, Boy you know, preachers always talk about money. Well I'm sorry if you're a first time guest here and that's what you've got this morning, that's not normal we just talk about money when the Lord talks about money. As we go through the Scripture when He gets on it we get on it too. But I don't mind that. Oh by the way, I thought I'd mention this too, uhm, in the **Book of Matthew** the Lord talks about money a **hundred and nine times**, so get ready folks. In the **Book of Mark** He talks about it **fifty seven times**. In the **Book of Luke** He talks about it **ninety four times**. In the **Book of John** He talks about it **eighty eight times**. By the way the Lord talks about money **five times more** than He talks about any other subject in the Bible. I guess He figures we're a little hard of hearing when it comes to that theme.

The Warning about Wealth and Materialism, [Matthew 6:19-24](#)

[\(Matthew 6:19-24\) Introduction:](#) Where are our thoughts? What do we think about?

Are our thoughts on earth or on heaven? Is our mind on earthly things or on God? What are we seeking, the things of the earth or the things of heaven? Where is our heart, focused on earth or focused on heaven?

The concern of Christ in this passage is **money**, **possessions**, and **material things**. His concern is that we guard against centering our lives around houses, furnishings, cars, lands, buildings, stocks—all the things that make up security and wealth on this earth. The reason is simply understood: nothing on this earth is secure and lasting. It is aging, decaying, and wasting away. It is all corruptible and temporal. What Christ wants is for us to center our lives around Him and heaven, for everything about Himself and heaven is life and security. It is all permanent and eternal. To stir our thinking He gives us a lesson on wealth and materialism.

1. **A contrast: about two kinds of riches (v.19-20).**
2. **A warning: about two kinds of hearts (v.21-23).**
3. **A choice: about two kinds of masters (v.24).**

1. ([Matthew 6:19-20](#)) **Materialism— Wealth: Christ gives a contrast about two kinds of riches.**

1. There are earthly riches.

There are things on earth that men desire. Christ calls these earthly riches and treasures. Earthly riches would be such things as clothes, cars, jewelry, toys, houses, buildings, furnishings, pleasure, fame, power, profession, property, money—anything that dominates a person's life and holds it fast to this earth.

A treasure is that which has value and is worth something to someone. Men take things and ascribe value to them: it may be stones (**diamonds**); or rocks and dust (**gold**); or money (**paper and metal**); or land (**property**); or wood, metal, dirt, chemical, and fabric (**buildings**); or influence (**power**); or the attention of people (**fame**).

Christ says **three things** about earthly riches that are of critical importance to both the **believer** and the **unbeliever**.

a. Do not lay up for yourselves earthly riches (**material possessions**).

Christ says that a person is not to focus his life on earthly things, not to set his eyes and mind and energy and effort on such passing treasures.

Thought 1. Riches do exist. And their *locality* is clearly stated. There is wealth both on *earth* and in *heaven*.

Thought 2. It is easier to covet earthly things than heavenly things for **four reasons**.

- 1) They are seen and can be handled.
- 2) They are sought by most people, and other people influence us.
A person is either **worldly minded** or **heavenly minded** ([Romans 8:5-7](#)).
- 3) They are to varying degrees necessary for life.
- 4) They are present, ever before us, and can be possessed right now.

b. Earthly riches are corruptible (see [Deeper Study #1—Matthew 6:19](#)).

Something terrible happens to everything on earth. Everything ages, dies, deteriorates, and decays. Things are on the earth only for a brief time, and then they are no more. Everything has the seed of corruption within it.

DEEPER STUDY # 1 Matthew 6:19 (NASB)

(Matthew 6:19) Corruption— Incorruption: there is a seed of corruption within the world—a principle or nature of corruption within everything on earth. Everything is imperfectly born and formed; it ages, dies, deteriorates, decays, and wastes away. (**Matthew 8:17; 1 Corinthians 15:50; 2 Corinthians 5:1; 2 Corinthians 5:3; 2 Peter 1:4**)

There is also a seed of incorruption, a principle of incorruption, an eternal nature of incorruption in heaven (**1 Peter 1:4, 23; cp. 1 Peter 1:18-23; 2 Peter 1:4; cp. 1 Cor. 15:12-58**). See note— **Ephes. 1:3**.

- c. Earthly riches are insecure. The things on earth are insecure for **three reasons**.
- 1) They can be stolen or eaten up.
 - 2) They do not last; they waste away.
 - 3) A person cannot take a single thing with him when he passes from this world. (**1 Timothy 6:7; 1 Timothy 6:10; James 5:3; Job 20:28; Psalm 39:6; Psalm 49:10; Proverbs 23:5; Proverbs 27:24; Ecclesiastes 2:18; Ecclesiastes 5:10; Jeremiah 17:11; Ezekiel 28:4-5**)

Thought 1. Note four striking lessons.

- 1) Wealth is sought, and it is sought by many.
What is often forgotten is this: every bit of wealth is held by someone. Therefore, many are always figuring how to get some of what someone else has. Things of the world are very insecure.
- 2) A man can be snatched away from this earth as quickly as the twinkling of an eye. Everything for which he has worked so hard on this earth can be gone immediately (**cp. Luke 12:16-21**).
- 3) A man can lose much of what he has in this world and lose it quickly. He can lose it through financial difficulties, accident, marital problems, illness, death, and through a myriad of other ways.
- 4) A person is a fool to seek an abundance of things—to grasp after more and more. Why? Because tonight or tomorrow or some day soon God will say, **“You fool! This very night your soul is required of you; and now who will own what you have prepared?”** (**Luke 12:20**).

Christ says, **“He that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God”**—that person is going to hear the above (**Luke 12:21**).