

SERMON *on the* MOUNT

Return on Investment

Matthew 6:19-24

How can we live today with Overflowing Generosity?

1. We need a Godly _____.

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Matthew 6:19-21 NLT

2. We need our eyes _____.

"Your eye is like a lamp that provides light for your body. When your eye is healthy, your whole body is filled with light. 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!"

Matthew 6:22-23 NLT

"For all that is in the world – the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life – is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever."

I John 2:16-17 NKJV

3. We need to keep our hands _____.

"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."

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Luke 12:15 NLT

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Questions from Sermon on May 24, 2026

Getting to Know Me

1. What is your earliest memory of earning money as a kid, and what did you do with it?
2. What's the best gift you've ever given that had little or no monetary value?

Digging Deeper

3. What stands out to you from Sunday's message?
4. Read Matthew 6:19-21. What do you think is the difference between taking care of financial needs and storing up treasure on earth?
5. What does Jesus mean by storing up "*treasures in heaven*"?
6. Read Matthew 6:22-23. What connection is Jesus making between money and the eye.
7. What do you think having a "healthy eye" looks like when it comes to money, possessions and our desires?
8. I John 2:16-17 warns against the "*lust of the eyes*." Why do you think it is harder than ever today to resist the "*lust of the eyes*"?

9. Read Matthew 6:24. Jesus is direct here, but we all still struggle with bowing to the Almighty Dollar rather than the Almighty God. In what practical ways do you see money competing for first place in your life or those around you?

10. What's the difference between enjoying the good things God gives and being enslaved to them? Where's the line? And how do you know you're crossing it?

Making it Personal

11. If someone looked at your bank statement last month, what would they say you treasure most? Does it match what you want to be true?
12. What is a practical step you could take this week to loosen your grip on something or hold it more openly before God?
13. Who in your life models generous living? What can you learn from them?

Prayer

Read Philippians 4:10-13. Paul wrote this from prison. Notice he says he "learned" contentment. It's not automatic; it's practiced and picked up over time.

Pray together, asking God to grow that contentment in you, especially in the areas where you struggle most.

We exist to glorify God by guiding people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

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