

A Matter of the Heart

Luke 12:32-34

³² “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ **For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.**

What are the good news words and phrases you hear in verse 32?

What do you think Jesus means by these words and phrases?

How do you understand the gift of God’s Kingdom?

Why do you think Jesus talks about selling our possessions?

Four-year-old Taylor seemed to ‘get it’. He came to the church after school program and gave his teacher a plastic baggy with pennies, nickels, dimes, and even some quarters. “This is for the church and I’m giving it to you” he announced. Barbara, the teacher of Taylor’s class, wanted to be sure his gift was parent approved so later that evening she called his home. The mother of the young boy told Barbara that the previous evening she had read the book “The Quilt Makers Gift” to Taylor before tucking him in and turning off the light. At the conclusion of the story however, Taylor emptied his piggy bank on the bed. He asked his mom if he could keep two of the coins and give the rest to the church “because the church helps people.”

What do you see as the connection between treasure and heart?

What is it that you most treasure in your life? How does that impact your heart, your priorities, your perspectives and your behavior?

Which comes first the treasure or the heart?

Prayer

Lord, you are the power, the glory, the splendor and the majesty, for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Help us to receive your gifts with open and grateful hearts. Teach us to serve as caretakers and trustees of what you have given us. Guide us to grow in seeing that all things come from you. Amen