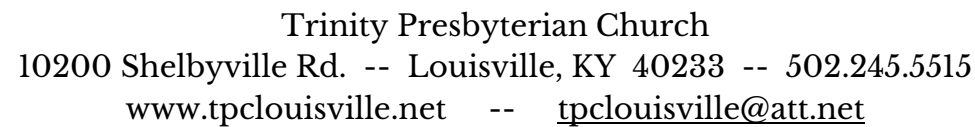


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When Christ becomes our greatest treasure, His Kingdom becomes our highest priority, and everything entrusted to us becomes available for His purposes.

Proverbs 3:5-6



Matthew 6:19-34

SERMON NOTES

What We Treasure Exposes What Rules Our Heart – vv. 19-21

- Where we locate our treasure affects both its permanence and our hearts.
- What we treasure both reveals and reinforces what has captured our heart.
Kingdom generosity loosens our attachment to fading kingdoms
and tightens our attachment to God’s enduring Kingdom.

What Rules Our Heart Reveals Our True Allegiance – vv. 22-24

- What captures our heart affects the way we see—and therefore the way we live.
- “*You cannot serve God and money.*” Stewardship is fundamentally about lordship.
The deeper question isn’t simply, “What do I possess?”
but “Who possesses you?”

Our True Allegiance Determines What We Seek First – vv. 25-32

- Anxiety tempts us to believe life depends on our ability to secure and control what we need.
- Jesus redirects our attention: “*Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.*”
Fear says: “I must hold tightly because there may not be enough.”
Faith says: “My Father knows what I need, so I can hold what He gives with open hands.”

What We Seek First Orders Everything About Us – vv. 33-34

- The Serpent’s Lie: Seek yourself first.
- Define the good yourself. Take what you want. Secure life for yourself.
- The Savior’s Answer: “Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness.”
- Sin turns God’s order upside down. Jesus calls us to live right-side up again.
The command rests upon the promise.

Because we can trust our Father with what we need, we are free to seek His Kingdom first.

The Rightly Ordered Life

Everything begins with God. Everything comes from God. Everything ultimately belongs to God.

Time – How am I ordering my life around His Kingdom?

Talents – How are my God-given abilities serving His purpose?

Treasure – What does my use of resources reveal about what I value?

Testimony – How is my life making Christ visible to others?

The Rightly Settled Life

- Be faithful today. Prepare for faithfulness tomorrow.
We can spend ourselves for God’s Kingdom today
because tomorrow, like today, belongs to our Father.

FIVE MINUTES IN GOD’S WORD

A Seven-Day Bible Reading Plan

Five minutes. One passage. With God.

- **Monday: Everything Belongs to God**

Read: 1 Chronicles 29:10-18

Reflect: How does recognizing that everything I have comes from God change the way I understand giving and stewardship?

- **Tuesday: The Earth Is the Lord’s**

Read: Psalm 24:1-6

Reflect: What changes when I begin with the truth that my life and everything I possess ultimately belong to God?

- **Wednesday: Consider Your Ways**

Read: Haggai 1:2-11

Reflect: Where might my priorities reveal that I have been attending to my own kingdom while neglecting God's?

- **Thursday: Where Your Treasure Is**

Read: Luke 12:13-34

Reflect: What does Jesus reveal about the relationship between possessions, worry, generosity, and seeking God's Kingdom?

- **Friday: Learning Contentment**

Read: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Reflect: How does trusting God rather than wealth free me to be generous and “rich in good works”?

- **Saturday: God Supplies, We Share**

Read: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Reflect: How does confidence in God's provision free me to give generously and joyfully for His purposes?

- **Sunday: All I Am for All He Is**

Read: Romans 12:1-2

Reflect: If offering myself to God is my “living sacrifice,” what parts of my life am I tempted to hold back from Him?