**SERMON NOTES**

**Wonderful Words of Life: The Sermon on the Mount**

**“The Heart Marks the Spot”**

**Matthew 6: 19-24**

**Big Idea: The heat of every single person is on a treasure hunt. Every human heart is a worshipping heart; no one is neutral. All of us are always putting something on the throne of our heart.**

**The great work of the gospel in our lives is to ungrasp our hands and unlock our eyes from lesser loves and instead cast them onto the One who is truly worthy, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**To \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ something means to prize, value greatly, adore, place great love and emphasis on, and/or be devoted to.**

**An \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is anything that captures our heart’s affections and mind’s thoughts more than God.**

**The things of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are fleeting, passing, temporary, and unlasting.**

**The treasures of the Earth are things that you or I are willing to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to get, sin if we don’t get, sin to keep, or sin if that thing is threatened.**

**The human heart – your’s and mine - is prone to love even good things in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and sinful ways.**

**God gives us good things in this life and even commands us to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ them (1 Timothy 6:17).**

**The sin issue that Jesus is dealing with in this passage, is the question of what is on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of your heart? What are you giving your affections, time, energy, and life’s aim most to?**

**In the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the heart is a way to speak to the whole of who a person is: mind, body, soul - the totality of a person.**

**Whatever we focus and fix our\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on dictates our actions and this proves to be our treasure (Matthew 6: 22-23).**

**True \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in and through Christ is propelled by what believers set our mind on.**

**To live for the treasures of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, as opposed the treasures of Earth, means that you live – by the power of the Spirit - the way of true righteousness that Jesus has been describing to us here in the Sermon on the Mount:**

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| * ***Being humble and pure in heart (Matt. 5: 5, 8)***
* ***Showing mercy (Matt. 5:7)***
* ***Being light and salt, that is, having a tangible & noticeable effect on the lost world – by your witness (Matt. 5: 13-14)***
* ***Following God’s commands (Matt. 5:19)***
* ***Resisting anger (Matt. 5:22)***
* ***Being faithful to one’s spouse (Matt. 5:28, 32)***
* ***Loving your enemies (Matthew 5:44)***
* ***Praying for those who persecute you (Matt. 5:44)***
* ***Prayer, and specifically praying for God’s name to be revered as holy and for His kingdom to come (Matt. 6:90)***
 | * ***Hungering and thirsting for righteousness (Matt. 5:6)***
* ***Making peace (Matt. 5:9)***
* ***Keeping your word (Matthew 5:37)***
* ***Turning the other cheek (Matthew 5:39)***
* ***Providing for physical needs (Matt. 5:40, 42)***
* ***Giving to the poor Matt. 6: 3-4)***
* ***Practicing forgiveness (Matthew 6:12)***
* ***Fasting (Matt. 6:16) – all not to be seen by others – but as truly act of worship – to God alone***
* ***Giving to the needy discreetly (Matt. 6:3)***
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**Our spiritual growth, joy, and fruitfulness, requires that we maintain a proper \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on this Earth and the New Earth and Heavens to come.**

*Blanks: God; treasure; idol; Earth; sin; wrong; enjoy; throne; Bible; eyes; righteousness; Heaven; perspective*

**Congregational Scripture Reading**

**Matthew 13: 44-46**

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls,who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.