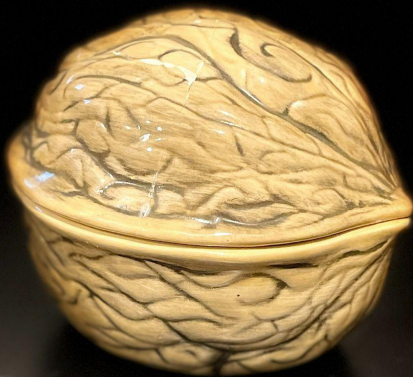




An attitude of gratitude
&
A bank full of thankful

A Thanksgiving Series





Stats About Stuff

- ❑ Average American home has 300,000 items
- ❑ 1/10 Americans rent off site storage
- ❑ 50,000 storage facilities in the United States
- ❑ Average person spends a total of 153 days of their life searching for a misplaced item



Main Point

Focus on the treasures of our hearts before the
treasures of our homes



19 “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.

Matthew 6:19 NIV



20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. **21** For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6:20-21 NIV



22 “The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, [c] your whole body will be full of light. **23** But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

Matthew 6:22-23 NIV



24 “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

Matthew 6:24 NIV

Treasures of Our Homes

- Property
- Clothes
- Personal items





The Problem

- ❑ They're temporary
- ❑ We often want more
- ❑ We set our hearts on them



Treasures of Heaven

- ❑ Not tangible items
- ❑ Gained by following Jesus
- ❑ Focused upwards and outwards



“33 Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.

34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Luke 12:33-34 NIV



Why are they Important?

- ❑ They're eternal
- ❑ They can't be destroyed
- ❑ They're priceless



Can We Treasure Both?

- ❑ Yes and no
- ❑ We are always pulled in many directions
- ❑ We will gravitate toward one thing



Application

- ❑ Think about what you treasure or desire
- ❑ Take steps to turn your focus to the treasures of heaven
- ❑ Spend time with Jesus, spend time with others