

Where Is YOUR Heart?

When the Bible speaks of a person's heart, it is rarely in the context of the anatomical location of this physical human pump. Mostly, it is spoken of as the center of a person's thoughts and emotions. In Matthew 6:21 and Luke 12:34, Jesus tells us, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." It could be found in our treasures if we want to find our heart.

Where is your treasure? That is where you will find your heart. *Treasure* means that "a treasure is something that we value highly. It is something of great value. It is a precious object." Jesus tells us in Matthew 13:44 that the kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field; when a man finds it, he hides it, sells all that he has, and buys the field so he might have the treasure.

In Luke 12, Jesus warns against the hypocrisy and covetousness of the Pharisees. *Hypocrisy* deals with pretending to be something or someone we are not. *Covetousness* is "a great desire to possess something, typically something belonging to someone else." These go hand in hand. We need to be able to discern what is truly valuable. The things of this world should not become our treasures.

In Matthew 19, a young man asked Jesus, "what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?" (19:16). Jesus answered and said unto him, "if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments" (19:17). The young man asked further, "Which?" Jesus said: Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself (19:18-19).

The young man said to Him, "All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet?" (19:20). Jesus said to him, "If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me" (19:21). But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

We must be careful not to let the material things of this life become our treasure. Satan understands material possessions can cause us to give God less than our whole heart. God demands our whole heart. There can be nothing less. All of us who can see have seen the glory of a rainbow in the sky after a thunderstorm or rain shower. To most animals, a rainbow does not exist. They cannot see in color. The retina of humans has rods and cones. The cones only detect color. Most animal retinas only have rods. Therefore, most animals can only see in shades of gray. They cannot see a rainbow. May we have the spiritual eyesight to see that the treasures of this world should not be where we place our heart. May we give our whole heart to God and complete obedience to His Word.

May we do as is written in Matthew 6:19-20: Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal.

Is your treasure in heaven? Then, your heart is in the right place.

~ Author Unknown (via *Beacon*, Bellview Church of Christ, Pensacola, FL) ~

Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven.

News Notes

SYMPATHY: To John & Sharon Sprout and family at the passing of Sharon's mother, Carol Williams in New Mexico. God bless and comfort this family in their sorrow.

COVERED DISH DINNER: **TODAY about Noon** at the Fellowship Building followed by our **afternoon worship at 2:00 p.m.** at the Church Building.
CARE & SHARE BEARS: **Each Tuesday at 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.** All ladies are invited to participate.

CONVERT'S CLASS: **Each Thursday at 11:00 a.m.** Open to all.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: **Next Saturday, April 12th, 8:30 a.m.** at the Columbian Church of Christ.

LADIES MEETING: **Next Sunday, April 13th** immediately following our a.m. worship.

90th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION: for **Dana Rine, Saturday May 3rd, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**, Camden Ave. Church of Christ, Parkersburg, WV. Dana was a former member here.

PANTRY: Applesauce.

REMEMBER THESE: **Alex Barnhart** (Carolyn Pallard's grandson). Alex has serious health issues. **In Afghanistan area:** Michael Heath, son-in-law of Mike & Marcie Martin.

SICK: Weirton Medical Center: Jean Haught (stroke), Skip's mother.
Trinity Hospital, Steubenville: Dean Spencer (in hospice). **At Home:** Brian Haught (Skip's brother), John Sprout, Randy Beagle, Peggy Linger, Bob McMahan, Scharlotte Jones, Harry Huff, Nancy Cox, Barbara DeLong, Marlene Evans, Cheryl Renfro Walker. **Fox-Chester:** Janice Hutchins, Mary Johnson. **Elsewhere:** Carolyn Carbone, 98 Orange Blossom Lane, Ranson, WV 25438. Herman McHan, 7401 Elmwood Dr., Lisbon, OH 44432.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

Pennsboro -----	April 6-11 -----	Rick Tincher
Hanoverton -----	April 13-17 -----	David Kenney
CHESTER -----	April 20-24 -----	Emmanuel Daugherty
Carrollton -----	May 9-11 -----	Dan Jenkins
McKinleyville -----	May 11-15 -----	Different Speakers

FRIDAY NIGHT SINGINGS

Weirton Heights (details on Bulletin Board) -----	April 18, 7:00 p.m.
Columbiana (details on Bulletin Board) -----	May 16, 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY LADIES DAYS

Vienna, 36th Street (details on Bulletin Board) -----	April 26
Steeltown, New Martinsville (details on Bulletin Board) -----	April 26
Chester, Virginia Ave. -----	May 10