WHERE YOUR HEART IS GOING



A Matthew 6 reflection guide for noticing what holds your heart and practicing generous trust in Jesus.

> *For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*
> Matthew 6:21 ESV

Read Matthew 6:19–24 before beginning.

A moment to notice

A receipt can show what you bought. It cannot tell the whole story of what you hoped the purchase would give you. Perhaps it met a need. Perhaps you hoped it would quiet comparison or help you feel secure. Bring one recent money decision to Jesus with curiosity and honesty.

His grace gives you room to look without hiding. You do not have to earn His love through a more generous record. Ask His Spirit to help you see what serves a real responsibility and what has begun to govern your heart. Then consider one faithful response within the life and means you have.

Five guided reflections

1. Read the passage. How does Jesus move from treasure to the heart and then to two masters?
2. Choose one recent decision about earning, spending, saving or giving. What hope or fear helped shape it?
3. What responsibility is yours to keep? Where might the desire for more be setting the terms?
4. What real need could you help meet with money, time or attention? Do not use time as an excuse to avoid examining money.
5. What one action can you take this week in trust, without expecting a larger financial return or someone's praise?

A practice for today

Trace and Offer

Take five minutes with one receipt or remembered decision. Write: "I hoped this would give me…" Bring that hope to Jesus. Name one responsibility to honor and one generous action within your means. Choose a day to act. Return to prayer without treating a changed feeling as proof of success.

Prayer

Jesus, You gave Yourself to rescue me. Forgive the ways I ask money to hold my deepest hope. By Your Spirit, help me care faithfully for those entrusted to me and respond generously to the needs You place before me. Teach my heart to rest in You. Amen.

A faithful gift does not have to purchase anything for you.

Connection Companion to *What Lasts When So Much Does Not*, this week's *When the Word Lingers* reflection.

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