

Thank you,...Jon Dungan  
Speaker for today

**What a Wonderful Place Heaven will be!**

*“Behold, the tabernacle of God is among the people, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.”*

Revelation 21:3-4

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# Indio Informer

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*“Trust in the Lord with all  
your heart and do not lean on  
your own understanding.”*

Proverb 3:5

- *“Fight the good fight”*
- *“Keep the faith”*
- *“Finish the course”*

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## Where Your Treasure is

By Dale Babinsky

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus offers a challenge to the human heart. *“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth . . . but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven”* (Matthew 6:19-20). These verses are not merely a warning against materialism—they are a call to consider the affections and desires of the heart.

### Earthly Wealth Fades Away

Jesus begins with a contrast. Earthly treasures are vulnerable because moths can consume, rust will corrode, and thieves break in and steal. In a world where possessions can vanish overnight, the pursuit of security through material wealth is extremely hazardous. But the deeper issue is not the treasure itself—it’s the heart’s attachment to it. *“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also”* (Matthew 6:21). The location of our treasure reveals the focus of our hearts.

### The Eye as the Lamp

Jesus then uses another metaphor to explain, saying, *“The eye is the lamp of the body.”* A healthy eye—generous, clear in purpose—fills the whole body with light. But an unhealthy eye—stingy, clouded by greed—plunges the soul

into darkness. This imagery suggests that our spiritual vision, our way of seeing material things, determines whether we walk in light or darkness. The Greek word for healthy here implies generosity, while the word for unhealthy implies selfishness.

### **We Must Choose**

Jesus concludes with a stark reality: *“No one can serve two masters... You cannot serve both God and mammon”* (Matthew 6:24). The word translated as mammon is money or wealth, a term that personifies wealth as a rival deity (the almighty dollar, if you will). Divided loyalty is impossible. Our heart/mind will inevitably choose one master over the other.

This passage invites us to examine not just our bank accounts, but also our desires, our focus, and our allegiance. What do we treasure? What fills our vision? Whom do we serve? In a culture that prizes accumulation and wealth as a sign of success, Jesus’ words are countercultural. They call for us to invest in that which is eternal—acts of mercy, love, obedience, and faith. These are the treasures that neither moth nor rust can corrupt.

### **This World is not my Home**

By Andrew Beasley

Any time I travel, and I am blessed to do so as a minister, it always shocks me how much I miss the normalcy of being at home. There is something to be said about being in your own space and sleeping in your own bed. Some have said, after a lengthy vacation, that they need a vacation to recover from their vacation. The understanding in that sentiment is that being away from home, and away from our natural environment, wears on us.

It seems to me that this is the reason that the Apostle Paul said he saw his own death as a gain (Philippians 1:21). He understood that while he was on earth he had a purpose,

which is why he says in the first half of that first that to live is Christ. There was work to be done, but Paul was aware of one unifying truth and it’s one that we sing about today. This world is not our home; we’re just passing through. Christ has gone to make ready for us the home where we will rest eternally (John 14:2ff).

This truth also helps us to understand why living below in this old sinful world wears on us so heavily. This is not the place meant to be our own space, and our resting place. Heaven is where our treasures are laid up, somewhere beyond the blue.

### **Prayer for the Aged**

Anonymous

*“Lord, Thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older and will someday be old. Keep me from being talkative, and particularly from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every occasion.*

*“Keep me from craving to try to straighten out everybody’s affairs. Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details...give me wings to get to the point.*

*“I ask for grace enough to listen to the tales of others’ pains. Help me to endure them with patience. But seal my lips on my own aches and pains...they are increasing, and my love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by.*

*“Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally it is possible that I may be mistaken. Keep me reasonably sweet; I do not want to be a saint...some of them are so hard to live with but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil.*

*“Make me thoughtful, but not moody; helpful, but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all...but Thou knowest, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end.”*