



A TREASURE-TAINTED THANKSGIVING?

Matt. 6:19-24



VS. 19

Both a command and a warning:

The nature of treasures on earth: subject to moths,
'rust' and theft and vandalism

Jesus includes this reality check about the perils, "but wait – there's more!"



VS. 20

- Eternal treasures are exempt from moths, 'rust,' thieves and vandals

See also 1 Cor. 3:10-15



VS. 21

Huge insight into the human heart:

Whatever you treasure is where your heart is headed
Where your treasure IS,
your heart WILL BE.

VS. 22-23

“Oh, be careful little eyes...”

We often speak of guarding our hearts (Prov. 4:23),
and this is another way we do that.

Eve Gen. 3:6

Achan Josh. 7:1, 20-21

David 2 Sam. 11:1-4

In contrast, Heb. 12:1-3

A FINAL WARNING VS. 24

Once again, the One who knows our hearts knows that we cannot serve both God and Money. Jesus has spoken on the matter; it's not up for debate.

Loving one WILL cause you to despise the other.

1 PETER 1:3-9

Contrast the fleeting nature of material possessions with the eternal nature of what our good, good Father has provided

No moth, rust, thieves or vandals

No wood, hay or straw

So what's that have to do with Thanksgiving? And how might our treasure taint our gratitude?

“The things of earth will dim and lose their value;”
they cannot help but disappoint in the long run.
If they are your treasure, your heart has joined – or will
soon - join in their disappointment.

Which is why the whole of Scripture calls us to
“set our hearts/minds on things above”

See Col. 3:1-4