



Week 2: Eyes on Eternity

INTRODUCTION

A faithful steward of God's wealth needs a clear view of eternity. Our enemy and our own natures try to make us feel apprehensive, or at least apathetic, about heaven. But the scriptures teach us that our affections follow our treasure. Money leads, and our hearts follow.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Think about your impressions of what Heaven is like. If any of these seem negative or uninteresting to you, write them down and share them with the group. Where do you think we get most of our ideas of what Heaven is like?
2. Read Colossians 3:1-2. Discuss this passage in your group. How would obedience to this idea change your views of giving?
3. Describe one small area of faithfulness in your life (or another's) that might lead to even greater responsibility later. How have you seen increased responsibility come out of past faithfulness?
4. Humans are built with strong emotions and desires, directing these into the right areas is part of our responsibility as Christians. What can you do in your life to help give power to the right desires, and take power away from the wrong ones?
5. If you were honest, how would you describe your attitude when giving? Is it a dispassionate act of philanthropy? Or do you give with immersion in God's kingdom causes? Or are you somewhere in between?

MOVING FORWARD

He who lays up treasures on earth spends his life backing away from his treasures. To him, death is loss. To him who lays up his treasures in Heaven looks forward to eternity for he is moving toward his treasures. To him, death is gain! What can you do this week to help direct your heart, not just your resources, towards God and Eternity?

Remember this week, "My heart always goes where I put God's Money."

CHANGING YOUR MIND

"Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things." Colossians 3:1-2