

Look at the Book

Matthew 6:19-24 (NIV)

¹⁹“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and **where thieves break in and steal.**

²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and **where thieves do not break in and steal.**

²¹ For where your treasure is, **there your heart will be also.**

²²“The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, **your whole body will be full of light.** ²³ But if your eyes are unhealthy,^[b] **your whole body will be full of darkness.** If then the light within you is darkness, **how great is that darkness!**

²⁴“No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and **love the other**, or you will be devoted to the one **and despise the other.** You cannot serve **both God and money.**

Probing

1. List three of your most valued possessions. Talk with your partner about ways you could use these possessions to serve God and people (in your church and in your community).
2. Jesus highlights one of the five senses in verses 22 and 23. Before these verses he writes about money. And after these verses, he writes again about money. Why does Jesus insert these verses about the eyes in the middle of his discussion? Talk with your partner about what the eyes have to do with possessions and money.
3. We talk often about serving God, but talk with your partner about this: *How do people serve money? How are you most tempted to serve money?*