

God wants everything used for the extension of his Kingdom

What about you?

A Christian pastor admitted to a youthful prank where he broke into a shop and changed all the price tags around, so that the cheap things now had expensive price tags and the expensive things had cheap price tags. This is what a worldly agenda does to what God values. Jot down now two or three ways that you will try to work hard to see the true value of everything. (Remember that our culture all around us is weakening our willingness to value things as God does.)

Verse

...store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy and where thieves do not break in and steal.
[MATTHEW 6:20]



Prayer – Use this prayer or write your own:

Our loving provider-God, I treasure you as all that I truly need. Thank you for those you have raised up to support me financially and pastorally because they treasure you and your eternal agenda more than their own material comforts. Bless them today with lives that treasure you even more. Amen

For further reflection

Read JOHN 17:1-5

Notice that Jesus' agenda is his Father's glory and his own glory. How did he achieve this? Remember what is just about to happen to Jesus.

Read MATTHEW 6:19-24

Our hearts are very easily led away from true treasure in heaven, when we treasure anything that is not God's. Use the list of things you would be unwilling to give up that you wrote in the 'point to ponder' on the previous page and do the following:

- Spend time in your heart and mind treasuring those things that will last for ever and rejoicing over them. Think of ways that you can show your love and devotion to God in the coming week.
- Spend time in your heart and mind putting non-eternal things in their proper place. Think of ways that you can prevent non-eternal, material things from stealing your devotion from God.