



new life fellowship

Sermon Title: Resisting the money god
Speaker: Rich Villodas – Lead Pastor
Scriptures: Matthew 6:19-24

Treasures in Heaven

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, 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.

Sermon Summary:

This Sunday, we will start a new series on our faith and finances. Pastor Rich will explore one of Jesus' most important teachings on the spiritual life as it relates to money. We will learn that money is not an innocent tool but a rival god.

Sermon Questions:

1. Reread the Scripture text and teaching of Jesus from the Sermon on the Mount. What strikes you about this teaching of Jesus?
2. What emotion(s) come up in you when you think about finances and talking about finances?
3. Have you thought about money as a rival god before? In what ways do you see money calling us to worship, absorbing our lives, clouding judgment and/or damaging relationships?
4. Take inventory: In what ways did the home you grew up in shape your understanding about money?
5. Spend time praying and asking God how he is inviting you to practice generosity this week.