

“A Personal Inventory”
Living in Light of Eternity– Part 1

Matthew 6:19-24

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I. Three critical questions for every Christ-follower

**Question 1- What am I investing in?
(Matthew 6:19-20)**

“What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?” Matthew 16:26

“Many millionaires will be heavenly paupers, and many paupers will be heavenly millionaires.”

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“Matthew Henry said, ‘It ought to be the business of every day to prepare for our final day.’”

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Question 2- Where is my heart? (Matthew 6:21)

“Jesus is not saying that if we put our **treasure** in the right place our **heart** will then be in the right place, but that the location of our **treasure** indicates where our **heart** already is. Spiritual problems are *always* heart problems.”

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“Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name.”

Psalm 86:11

Question 3- Who is my master? (Matthew 6:24)

“We cannot claim Christ as Lord if our allegiance is to anything or anyone else, including ourselves.”

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“John Calvin said, ‘Where riches hold the dominion of the heart, God has lost His authority.’”

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II. Response:

- A. **Confess our sin. (I John 1:9)**
- B. **Thank God for His forgiveness. (I John 1:9)**
- C. **Ask God to change your heart. (I John 1:9)**
- D. **Walk in obedience to the Holy Spirit.
(Ephesians 4:30)**

Personal Inventory

“Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.”

Psalm 139:23-24

Pray Psalm 139:23-24.

A. Read and reflect on the following verses:

1. Philippians 3:19-20; I Peter 2:11
What does it mean to me that my citizenship is in heaven, and I am an alien and stranger in this world?
2. Colossians 3:1-4
What will it look like for me to set my heart and mind on heavenly things—not earthly things?

B. What am I investing in? (Matthew 6:19-20)

Take time to figure out how I spent 168 hours last week.

In the last month, how much money did I give toward eternal investments?

C. Where is my heart? (Matthew 6:21)

Read Psalm 86:11.

Do I have a divided heart? Explain.

D. Who is my master?

“Who or what do I serve other than God? What consumes me other than God?”

Ask close friends and family members, “Who or what do I serve?”

RESPONSE

Close with a time of prayer.

Write out a prayer to God.

Go for a walk and pray.

Get down on your knees where you are.