

Treasures of the heart

“Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your belongings and give alms. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not wear out, an inexhaustible treasure in heaven that no thief can reach nor moth destroy. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.” (verses 32-34) Luke 12:32-48



Adults -

1. “Your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom.” Yes, he is! There are a couple of things we have to do to receive this gift. First, we have to let go of fear. Is there a fear that is binding you and holding you back from receiving this gift? What steps could you take today to trust God and let go of the fear? Did you know that one of God’s great joys is finding us unafraid and delighting in His indescribable gift? Does this motivate you?
2. The second thing we need to do after we let go of fear is to free our hearts from attachment to anything but God’s love and God’s realm. What attachment could you free yourself from today that is holding you back from the kingdom that God offers you?
3. Lastly, when the master becomes the servant we are grasping the true meaning of being obedient to God. Have you been able to grow in your faith and move past the cultural definition of obedience to discover what God is telling us about true obedience?

Obstacles of living out today’s Gospel: Not learning how to hear, to know and to act on God’s will.

Teens -

1. What do you treasure most in life right now? Is it something that brings you closer to God, or distracts you from Him?
2. Jesus tells a parable about servants waiting for their master. What message is Jesus trying to explain in this parable? How can you be a faithful and wise servant in your own life—at school, home or with friends?
3. Jesus says those who are given much will be expected to do much. What gifts or responsibilities has God given you? How are you using them?

Obstacles of living out the Gospel: Giving our energy to temporary things instead of eternal ones.

Children -

1. What do you treasure most? What are the things you put all your energy and focus on? Is there something you are so attached to that it matters to you more than anything or anyone else? What is it? Does this thing bring you closer to Jesus or away from Jesus?
2. What is something you might need to sell (let go of) so you are able to put Jesus first in your life? How can material things become a barrier between you and God?
3. What do you think “where your treasure is there also is your heart” mean? Do you treasure your relationship with Jesus? How can you order your life so that Jesus comes first? Do you think it is important to keep Him first? Why or why not?

Obstacles of living out today’s Gospel: Focused on things of the world and not spiritual living.