

Store It Up

- We don't have a problem with storing things up.
- Greed: I owe myself something
- Greed: I am craving security or delight
 - Sometimes we can confuse greed with "stewardship" – how easily we can deceive ourselves!
- Storing things up isn't the problem – just make sure they are timeless!

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Matthew 6:19-21

¹⁹“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰But 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.**



Treasures = Heart

- Be careful what you treasure, it will set your DIRECTION.
 - Time
 - Energy
 - Resources

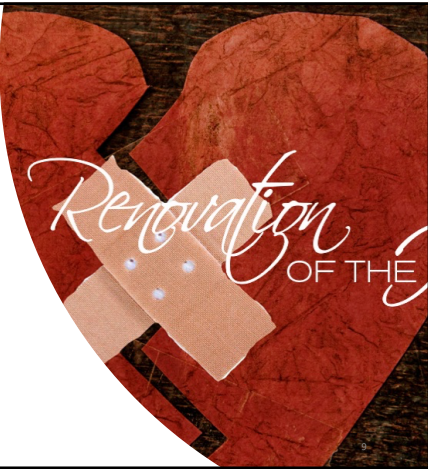
Illustration: Sometimes I wonder how many gambling issues could be solved with a Velcro wallet – the constant reminder of my addiction.

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Matthew 6:22-23

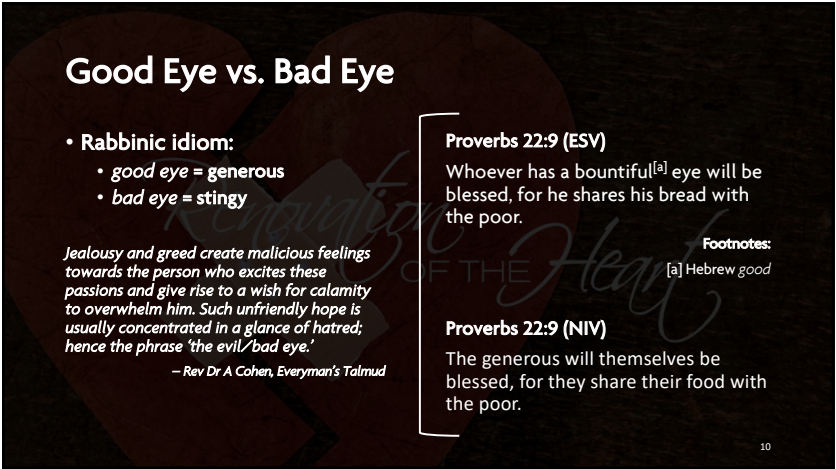
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Matthew 6:22-23
(NKJV)

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Good Eye vs. Bad Eye

- Rabbinic idiom:
 - *good eye* = generous
 - *bad eye* = stingy


Jealousy and greed create malicious feelings towards the person who excites these passions and give rise to a wish for calamity to overwhelm him. Such unfriendly hope is usually concentrated in a glance of hatred; hence the phrase 'the evil/bad eye.'
— Rev Dr A Cohen, Everyman's Talmud

Proverbs 22:9 (ESV)
Whoever has a bountiful^[a] eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor.

Footnotes:
[a] Hebrew *good*

Proverbs 22:9 (NIV)
The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.

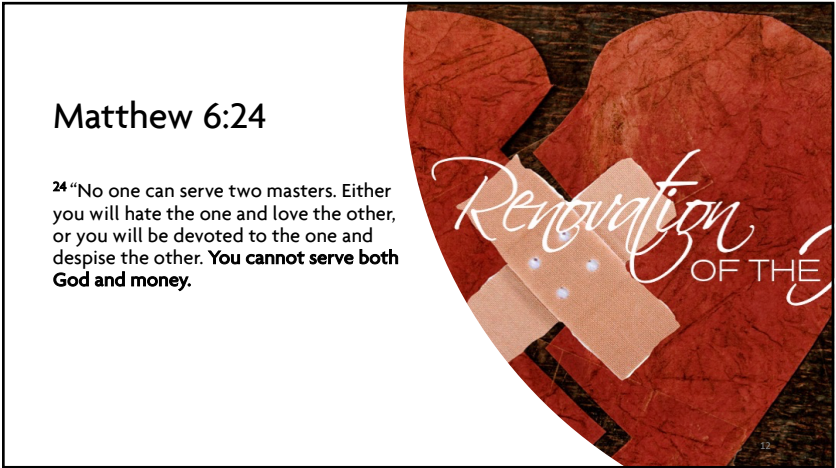
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“If then, what you think is generosity is in fact stinginess, then how stingy are you!”



Matthew 6:24

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.**

One Master

- *"Greed is the logical result of the belief that there is no life after death."* – Sir Fred Catherwood
- How will you store up treasures in heaven, or how will you value the things that God values?
 - God asks: *do you trust me?*
- Consider performing an act of ridiculous generosity – just as Christ gave us the example of.

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