

# The Great Reward of Generosity

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## *Matthew 6:19-24*

### **I. “Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”**

*(Matthew 6:21; II Chronicles 16:9)*

- A. The prayerful and generous heart of Cornelius captured heaven’s attention (Acts 10:1-6).
- B. The Greek word for “healthy” in Matthew 6:22 (NIV) literally means “single” but is generally translated in other places in the New Testament as “generous.” Generosity gives you a clear and undistorted view towards God and others.
- C. In Matthew 6:23, the word for “unhealthy” literally means “evil.” But in the New Testament and the Septuagint, it is regularly translated “grudgingly” or “ungenerous” (Deuteronomy 15:7-11).
- D. “How great is that darkness!” (Matthew 6:23; I Timothy 6:6-10; Haggai 1:3-11)

### **II. Sometimes we can discern which master (owner) we are serving by how much we worry about our material possessions.**

*(Matthew 6:24-34)*

- A. Serving God starts with faith toward God in all kinds of things, including money. We must believe at all times that we have come under new and generous ownership (Matthew 6:28-32).
- B. Investing God’s money is the ultimate worry buster (Matthew 6:33-34; Luke 6:38).

### **III. The reward of the Father - abundant provision and great joy**

*(Psalm 16:5-9)*

- A. The reward of contentedness and peace in our finances (Philippians 4:10-13, 19).
- B. The reward of giving from the secret place (Matthew 6:1-4)
- C. The reward of treasure in heaven (Matthew 6:19-20)
- D. Experiencing the joy and prosperity of the abundant God (Malachi 3:6-12; II Corinthians 9:6-11)

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