



SD#97 - Finding Perspective

Matthew 6:21 (NIV)

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Reflection Questions:

- 1) What is one area where you feel you've lost perspective?
- 2) Are there additional distractions that keep you from Godly focus?
- 3) Do you find yourself continually dwelling on the cares of this world?



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Extended Devotion:

The new year 2021 has begun, and perhaps you're still reeling from the events of 2020. Perhaps, like most people (including myself), you fixed your hopes on the positive changes the new year would bring. Sadly, we will always deal with some disappointing and seemingly hopeless situations in our fallen world. But there is hope, my friend! Regardless of the continuing pandemic, anxious hearts, grief, or political turmoil, we can fix our hearts and minds on a greater Hope. We can bring change to the new year by shifting our perspective back on God.

I love the passage in Matthew chapter 6, where Jesus talks about laying up treasure. The kingdom works we do, books we read, and even the words we speak should point to Christ. Each "treasure" we collect can either place the focus on ourselves or point others to Christ. In difficult times, it is increasingly tempting to sink our focus into the darkness all around. When tragedy strikes or seasons of life appear hopeless, that's when the enemy whispers lies that pull us away from Truth. It's easier when we don't fight the battles. When we believe those lies, the ones that say we can control the situation, we lose perspective.

To find perspective we need to relinquish our own and ask for God's. When our life seems as if it's spiraling out of control, we must pause and reflect. Too often we cling to "treasures" that don't really matter in this life. God is ultimately in control of our situations, and He is the One who guides us in the way we need to go. That is so comforting to know that we don't have to know all the details! But, we can only experience that comfort, that peace, when we give our hearts and minds over to God and allow His perspective to shape ours.

2 Corinthians 4:17-18 says, For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." Seeking God's perspective in our lives will help shape and mold us into His plan for our lives.

Application:

1. If you have your journal nearby, write down Colossians 3:2. Place this verse somewhere you will look often as a reminder of heavenly focus.
2. Pray this prayer (or write your own) as a call for heavenly perspective:



“Our Father and Our God, I desire above everything else in my life to claim your perspective over my own. I am not strong enough to fight my present battles, but Your Word says You have overcome. God, I claim that truth today. When my eyes, heart, and mind wander away from You, guide me back to Your presence and keep me with Your steadfast love. Keep and guide me in my daily walk with You so that I may live by Your Spirit. In Your name, Amen.

Takeaway:

We gain solid, steady perspective when we claim God’s perspective as our own.

