

**Sermon Discussion Questions, May 29, 2011**  
*The Sermon on the Mount*  
**Loving God with Our Money, Dr. Rod MacIlvaine**  
*Matthew 6:19-24*

**ADMISSION-**Jesus' teachings on money are often tough to interpret.

1. Do you think greed is a problem for everyone? How has your life been affected by greed? Why do you think sermons about money turn people off?
2. What are wrong teachings we hear today about money? Why do you think it is important to interpret teachings on money in light of the entire Bible?

**JESUS' NEGATIVE COMMAND-** Don't lay-up treasures on earth. *Matthew 6:19*

3. What is Jesus' command in Matthew 6:19? What practical reasons did He give for this directive?  
Read Pr. 6:6-8, 1 Tim. 5:8; 4:3-4; 6:17. When is it wise to save money?
4. Where in your life are you preoccupied with money? Why?

**JESUS' POSITIVE COMMAND-** Do lay-up treasures in heaven. *Matthew 6:20-21*

5. What are rewards believers will receive in heaven? Why do you think Jesus was so proactive in motivating His disciples with rewards in heaven?

**DECISION-** Disciples face two fundamental options in life. *Matthew 6:22-24*

6. What two word pictures does Jesus use to make His point in Matt. 6:22-24?  
What do these verses mean in regard to money?
7. Why are money and God both powerful pursuits? Why can't a person serve both?  
How is your view of money affecting your life? In good ways and in bad ways?