

Pleasant Valley
Church of Christ

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Schedule of Services

Sunday

Classes 9:30 am
Worship 10:30 am
Evening 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Classes 7:30 pm

The Pleasant Valley Church of Christ is a non-denominational group of believers who are committed to following Jesus in our attitudes, our relationships, and our worship. If you want the same thing in your life, please contact us. We'd like to help.

Unless otherwise noted, all scripture quotations are from the New King James Version Bible, Thomas Nelson Publishers.

Wings



*"But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles" (Isaiah 40:31)*

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Where does your heart lie?

by David King

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is there your heart will be also" (Matt. 6:19-21).

In a world where everybody is madly chasing after riches, Jesus admonishes His disciples to adopt a wholly different value system. Our treasure should be in heaven, not here on earth. The basis of that different perspective is a simple principle of human nature: "where your treasure is there your heart will be also." A study of this little proverb provides a good exercise in self-examination.

"Treasure" is what you value, what you consider to be most important in your life, that for which you will make the greatest sacrifices. Whatever occupies that role in your life is what your heart will be focused on. Expressed another way, our heart belongs to whatever we consider of greatest importance. If the vast majority of my life is spent on making money or accumulating worldly possessions, then that is what I love more than anything else; that is where my heart lies.

So in order to determine where my heart lies, all I need to do is look at what I consider to be of greatest value. Where do I choose to spend the bulk of my energy and resources? What do I prefer to do with my free time? What is so important to me that I will spend my hard-earned money on it? These questions can be used to construct a series of simple

tests to determine if my heart is in the right place on a number of issues. For example:

Christian: Do you love God and your brethren? If so, how much time in your daily routine is spent on the things of God? Do you really enjoy spending time with God's people, or do you see those activities as a burden to be borne? What does your checkbook say about how much you value this aspect of your life?

Husbands and wives: Do you love your spouse? Given a choice, do you prefer to spend more time with your spouse than with any other activity? Do you delight in making your spouse happy, whatever the cost? Do you treat your spouse as the most important person in your life, next to God? Answer these questions honestly, and you have a good indication of whether or not you really do love him/her.

Parents: Do you love your children? If so, how much of your uninterrupted time do you give them? What do you sacrifice to ensure that their moral, spiritual, intellectual, and physical needs are met? Do you treat them as precious gifts from God, or as nuisances that get in the way of other activities? You may fool yourself, but your children know whether or not you value them, by how you treat them.

Obviously, not all of these relationships can be "number one." We have to set priorities and apportion our time and resources accordingly. But it is important that each of these relationships—rather than money or possessions—receive dedicated attention in our lives. That's the only way we can demonstrate where our heart truly lies.