

Jesus' Solution = Money is the **mirror** of our heart's devotion!

**Two Diagnostic Questions To
Measure Your Devotion
To God**

#1 Why do you give?

2 *"So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. 3 But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4 so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."*

Matthew 6:2-4 (NIV)

- **Our devotion to God is measured first by our _____ in giving.**

- **Application**

#2 **How much** do you give relative to what you have?

19 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6:19-21 (NIV)

- **Negative Command =**

- **Positive Command =**

- **Timeless Principle =**

- Our devotion to God is measured secondly by the _____ of our giving.

- **Application**

Illustration #1 – 3 persons earn \$25,000/year

A – gives \$500-600/year = \$20/week

B – gives \$2,500/year = 10% income

C – gives \$3,000/year = 20% income

Illustration #2

A – makes \$100,000/year & gives \$15,000 or 10% of income

B – makes \$15,000/year & gives \$1,500/year or 10% of income

Question – Who loves God the most?

Discussion Questions

1. Why are “check-ups” important?
2. How can we measure our love and devotion for God according to Jesus?
3. What “mid-course” changes do you need to make to align your priorities with God’s design?