

FIRST THINGS FIRST – PART 2: OUNCE OF PREVENTION

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In a lot of life areas, our patterns would indicate we prefer intervention over prevention, which is just human nature. We establish unhealthy diet and exercise habits and then we have a health problem so we go to the doctor for a remedy – and what does the doctor tell us – that we would be better off to establish healthy habits to prevent the health problems to begin with. Or we establish unhealthy patterns relationally and then experience a relationship problem when we would have been better to establish healthy relationship patterns to prevent relationship problems. Or we ignore wise practices with money & stuff and then experience problems with money & stuff that require intervention. It seems it's just human nature to avoid prevention and put ourselves in the path of intervention but an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

READ MATTHEW 6:19-24

- What would you describe as a treasure?
- What are some of the treasures you would identify as a priority in your life?
- What are some ways treasures can become more of a priority than they should?
- How does the priority of treasures reflect the condition of our hearts?
- In what ways do money & stuff compete with God for the human heart like practically nothing else?
- What are some ways treasures can be leveraged to make a difference beyond storing them up temporally?
- What do you think it means to serve two masters?
- Why does Jesus say it's impossible to serve two masters?
- How does generosity break the hold that money & stuff can have on the human heart?
- What next step will you take to plan & prioritize generosity?

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