

***Nurturing Faith...  
Every Day in Every Way***

August 7, 2016

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

***Genesis 15:1-6***

***Psalms 33:12-22***

***Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16***

***Luke 12:32-40***



***Where is Your Heart?***

Jesus once said, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." The heart is a symbol for love, isn't it? So what Jesus was saying is that you can tell what a person really loves by what he treasures the most. How do you know what a person treasures the most? Do you ask them what the most important thing is in their life? No, there are two ways you can tell what is most important to a person. The first is how they spend their money and the second is how they spend their time.

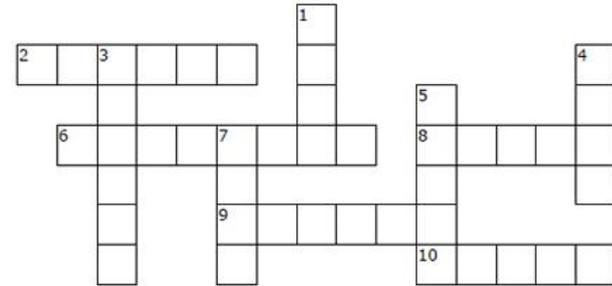
If we say that we love God, but spend every cent we have on ourselves, do we love God or self? If we say that we love God, but we never spend any time with Him, do we really love Him? Jesus said that we should love our neighbor as ourselves. If we say that we love our neighbor but we never share what God has given us with them, do we really love our neighbor? You don't learn what a person's treasure is by asking them. You learn by watching how they spend their time and their money. Look at the things you spend your time and money on and then ask yourself, "What do I treasure? Where is my heart?"

Dear Jesus, help us to make sure that our heart is in the right place. Help us to show our love for you and for one another in the way we spend our time and our money. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia. Keep awake and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. Alleluia (Matthew 24:42, 44)

***Crossword Puzzle***



**ACROSS**

- 2. The home where we will live forever with God
- 6. Valuable things such as gold, silver, jewels, or money
- 8. The organ that pumps blood through the body
- 9. Small in size
- 10. A group of sheep that live or feed together

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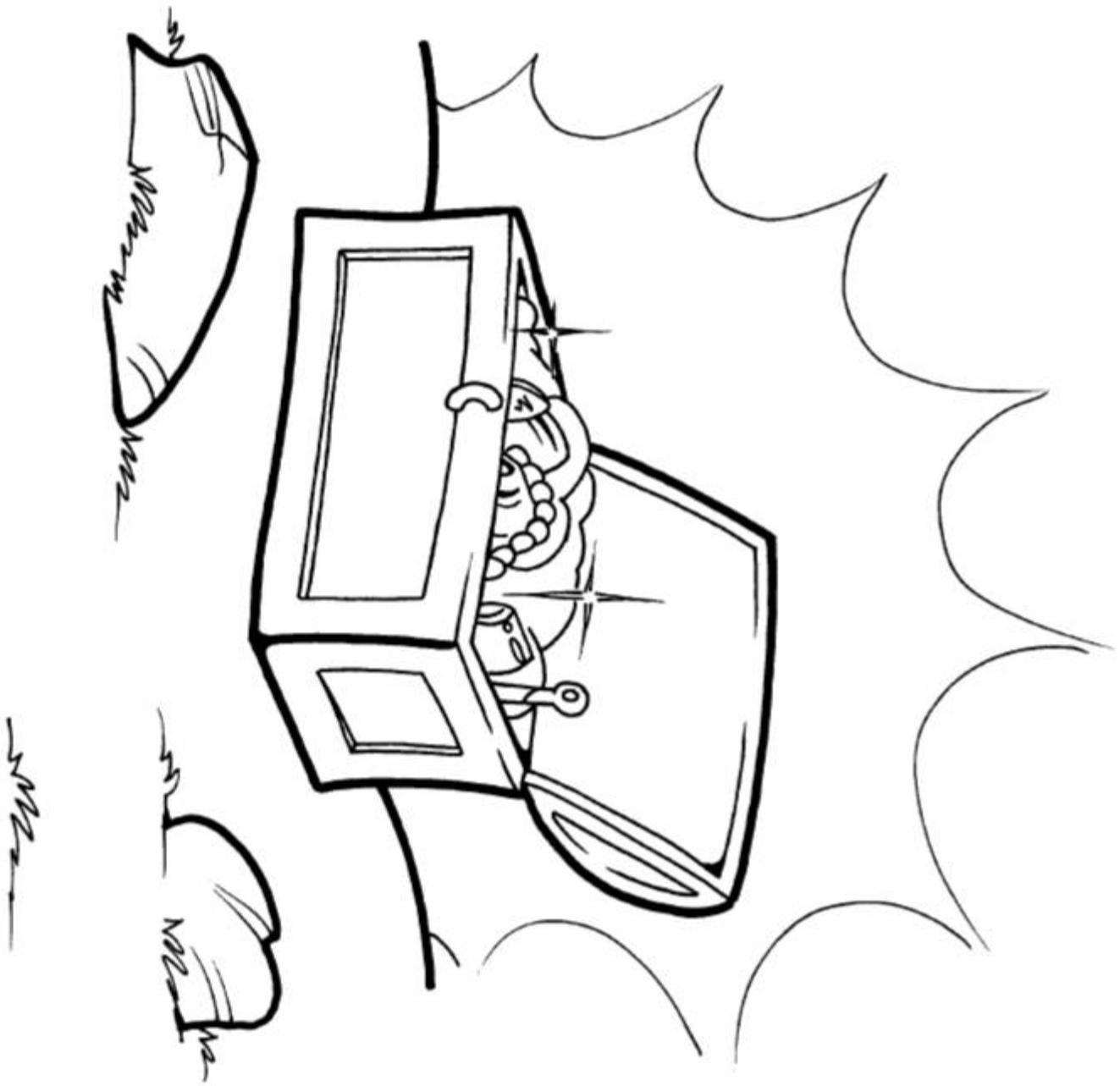
- 1. Having little money or possessions
- 3. Filled with fear
- 4. An insect with wings similar to a butterfly, usually flies at night, and is attracted to light
- 5. Someone who steals
- 7. To exchange or deliver something for money

heaven	treasure	sell	moth	flock
thief	heart	afraid	little	poor

**TREASURES Paper Plate holder:** Decorate the outside of two paper plates. Assist the child in stapling or taping two paper plates together, leaving a small opening at the top and using ribbon in holes punched at the top. Assorted candy can be given out to put into the decorated TREASURES "box".

**BUILD A TREASURE BOX:** This activity is 2-fold: 1 – Give each child an empty shoebox. Decorate with colorful paper, etc. 2 – Fill the treasure box with favorite children's Bible verses.





Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.

Luke 12:33b-34 (NIV)